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Minister's MESSAGE

The abiding message of this and earlier annual editions of "Social Services in Nova Scotia" is the constantly-improving range and effectiveness of social services programs and supports for deserving Nova Scotians, notwithstanding the fiscal constraints that confront provincial and municipal governments and greatly-valued private, volunteer and community organizations.

Minister of Social Services,
The Honourable Edmund L. Morris.

Total expenditures of the Nova Scotia Department of Social Services, for the whole range of activities herein described, now amount to 90 cents a day per capita of Nova Scotia's population.

We are deeply indebted to the many volunteers, citizens and skilled professionals who contribute so greatly to the fabric and quality of Nova Scotia life. We believe you will agree, on reading this publication, that the 90 cents a day is effectively and responsibly spent in the service of fellow-Nova Scotians.

Edmund L. Morris

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ORGANIZATION CHART — DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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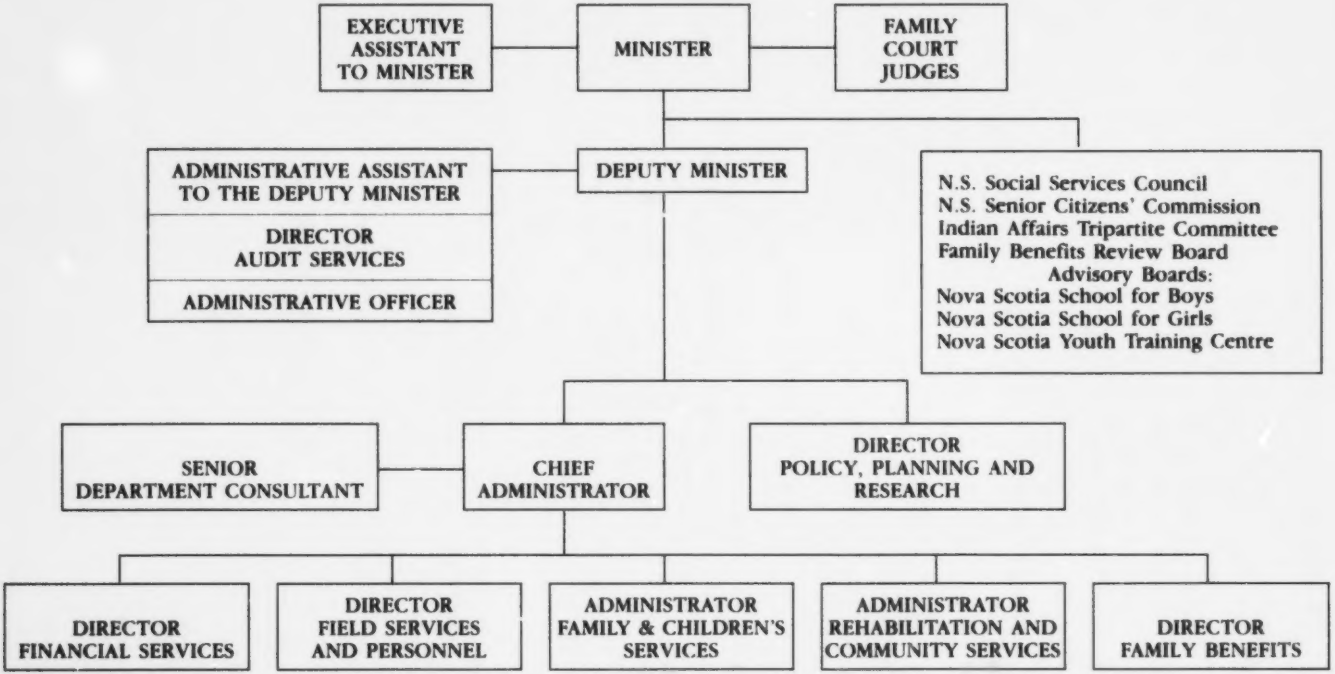

Ministers WHO HAVE SERVED THE DEPARTMENT SINCE IT'S BEGINNING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Frank Roy Davis	1933 - 1948
Lauchlin David Currie	1948 - 1949
Alexander Hugh MacKinnon	1949 - 1950
Harold Connolly	1950 - 1954
Geoffrey Stevens	1954 - 1955
J. Clyde Nunn	1955 - 1956
Richard Donahoe	1956 - 1958
Malcolm Leonard	1958 - 1960
W.S.K. Jones	1960 - 1964
James M. Harding	1964 - 1968
Percy Gaum	1968 - 1969
Gordon A. Tidman	1969 - 1970
Allan E. Sullivan	1970 - 1972
William Gillis	1972 - 1973
Harold Huskilson	1973 - 1976
Bill MacEachern	1976 - 1978
Jack MacIsaac	1978 - 1979
Laird Stirling	1979 - 1981
Edmund L. Morris	1981 -

Deputy Ministers WHO HAVE SERVED THE DEPARTMENT SINCE ITS BEGINNING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Ernest H. Blois	Deputy Head	1933 - 1944
	Deputy Minister	1944 - 1947
Hiram S. Farquhar	Deputy Head	1947 - 1959
Fred R. MacKinnon	Deputy Head	1947 - 1959
	Deputy Minister	1959 - 1980
John Angus MacKenzie	Deputy Minister	1980 -

John Angus MacKenzie, Deputy Minister, Department of Social Services

Staff of Deputy Minister

Development OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN NOVA SCOTIA:

APRIL 1, 1983 TO MARCH 31, 1984

- A new workshop opened in Glace Bay, and a new 125-place workshop in Sydney to serve industrial Cape Breton, was opened in late 1984.
- The third work activity project in the Province, operated by the South Shore Community Association at Chester, opened at Bonny Lea Farm.
- The Hillside Pines Home for the aged in Bridgewater, Rosedale Home in New Germany, and the 85-bed Gables Home have been opened.
- A new Vocational Rehabilitation program for single parents started September 1, 1983, providing a full range of vocational planning services for single parents in receipt of Provincial Family Benefits. The most successful such program of its kind in Canada, it had enrolled more than 800 trainees by mid-1984 and 108 had been helped to full-time, self-supporting employment.
- Judge Murray A. North retired from the Family Court and Judge Elizabeth Roscoe was appointed a Judge of the Family Court, the first woman so appointed.
- Amendments to implement the Young Offenders Act were proclaimed effective April 2, 1984.
- A new chapel at the Nova Scotia School for Boys at Shelburne was opened and a new support policy for chaplaincy services in Homes for Special Care implemented.
- A great new Home Life Supports Program was initiated, providing for more than double the number of supported homemakers, in-home support by needy relatives and innovative demonstration grants to encourage volunteer support of senior and disabled persons in their own homes.
- A new Senior Citizens Week Act was enacted.
- The Nova Scotia Senior Citizens Commission presented a report on Retirement Age.
- The Government of Nova Scotia sponsored the first-ever Conference on Aging.
- Three additional Transition Houses were approved and supported.
- Recommendations of the Task Force on Day Care were implemented.
- A Child Welfare agreement with Nova Scotia Indians was nearing completion in late 1984.

Hon. Edmund L. Morris meeting with Edith Cromwell and Captain George Borden in Black United Front offices.

Miss Gwen Pickering, Chief Administrator, Department of Social Services.

Community SERVICE AWARDS

The Community Service Award was instituted in 1977 to give recognition to individuals and organizations providing voluntary service to their communities. To date, there have been 130 recipients of the award.

The following recipients were honoured in March, 1984:

- Mr. Lauchie Brown, Dingwall, Victoria County
- Mr. Leigh H. Everett, Digby
- Reverend Freeman C. Fenerty, Waterville
- Mr. Alfred Hamshaw, Rockingham, Halifax County
- Dianne and Albert Holman, Armdale, Halifax County
- Mr. Hedley G. Ivany, C.D., Halifax
- Colonel John M. Kinnaird, C.D., Halifax
- Mr. Walter Lindow, Halifax
- Dr. Peter J. Owsley, Amherst
- Mr. A. Frederic Roy, Maitland, Hants County
- Mr. Ira S. Settle, Cole Harbour, Halifax County
- Reverend H. Donald Thomas, New Glasgow
- Mrs. Barbara Veitch, Port Hawkesbury
- Mrs. Veronica Whiting, New Waterford
- June and Rufus Whynot, Milton, Queens County
- Mrs. Sarah Wilson, Country Harbour, Guysborough County

Premier John Buchanan and recipients of the Community Service Awards, 1984.

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Mrs. Virginia Walzak, Secretary, Deputy Minister's Section.

Social Services Advisory Boards

Nova Scotia Social Services Council

The Nova Scotia Social Services Council was established in accordance with Chapter 22, Statutes of Nova Scotia 1970-71, An Act to Provide for Social Services Councils. The primary function of the Council is "...to advise and assist the Minister on any matter relating to social services, including planning for social services facilities and resources."

Members of the Nova Scotia Social Services Council are appointed by Order-in-Council for two-year terms which are renewable at the end of that time. They represent different geographical areas of the province and, as well, are of varying backgrounds and experiences.

In the 1983-84 fiscal year the Executive of the Council, which is comprised of the Chairman and three Council members, met on eight occasions. General meetings of Council were held six times.

The Council was involved in examining a number of subjects, some of which are as follows:

- changes to Family Benefits Legislation affecting single mothers
- volunteerism
- provincial-municipal-private agency relationships
- Young Offenders Act
- child abuse/child safety
- battered women
- day care
- alternate work-related projects for the disadvantaged
- open adoptions.

At the request of the Minister, Council sought and reviewed submissions from community social services agencies for two $500 grants for the training of volunteers. Recommendations were then made to the Minister and during the year the two grants were awarded. The first one went to the Family and Children's Services of Kings County and the second was given to Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Pictou County. The two grants marked the first time the Department of Social Services has allocated money specifically for the training of volunteers.

The Council was also asked by the Minister to establish a resource centre on volunteerism as part of the Department's library. With a sum of $1,000, two Council members worked with the Librarian and by March 1984 a number of books, pamphlets and a film on volunteers had either been acquired or were on order.

Council members were particularly interested in developing a child safety program in Nova Scotia and undertook an examination of such programs now underway in other provinces in terms of their relevance and adaptability to Nova Scotia. Council members felt such programs which take a preventative, positive approach to the education of children regarding all aspects of child abuse, could be extremely beneficial to young Nova Scotians. A request has been made to the Minister that the Department of Social Services consider undertaking a project on child safety in one area of the province. Council will be continuing to work on this program in the coming year.

Although no public meetings were held, the 1983-84 year was thus an extremely busy one for Council members.

Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission

Established in 1972 under the Senior Citizens' Service Act, the Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission consists of 19 private citizens, many of them senior citizens, who represent all geographical districts of the Province and are appointed by the Executive Council for a three-year term. Representatives from the Departments of Education, Health, Recreation, Culture and Fitness, and the Senior Citizens Secretariat also participate in Commission meetings.

The mandate of the Commission is to:

- conduct, direct, and promote fact-finding studies and research related to aging
- seek out and encourage people interested in providing voluntary services to citizen groups concerned with aging
- promote new activities and social services for senior citizens through voluntary agencies and all levels of government
- review existing legislation and government programs and make recommendations as to how these may be improved to provide better services for senior citizens
- perform any duties assigned by the Governor-in-Council or the Minister of Social Services.

During the 1983-84 fiscal year, the Commission met on five occasions and the Executive met six times. Attention was focused on two major projects:

- completion of a study on Retirement Age commissioned by the Province and
- initiation of a series of meetings with universities throughout Nova Scotia to determine the work they are undertaking in relation to the aged. This has been referred to as the University Project.

The Retirement Age Study was submitted as a discussion paper to the Minister of Social Services by the Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission in December 1983.

The Commission recommended that all reference to a retirement age be eliminated although the concept of an "accepted" age range based on the requirements of specific occupations was viewed as likely to continue to exist. Eleven recommendations were made to help eliminate a specific age for retirement.

The Commission also undertook a project entitled the University Project. To date, the Commission has met with individuals from St. Francis Xavier University Continuing Education Program, the President and staff of the College of St. Anne, and the President of Acadia University and plans to meet with the other universities in the Province to discuss their research and academic programs in the field of aging. The Commission will compile a report at the end of this project to be presented to the Minister of Social Services.

Social Services

Family and Children's Services Division

W.D. Greatorex, R.S.W. Administrator

The Family and Children's Services Division is organized so that each of the four program areas is established as a section within the Division, and is under the general supervision of a director.

Family and Children's Services. This program is responsible for traditional child welfare services, including child protection services, children in care and custody, adoption services, and services to single parents. In four counties, and the City of Dartmouth, these programs are provided by department staff, while throughout the remainder of the Province private Children's Service Agencies are responsible for the delivery of these services. (See Tables 1 and 2)

Special Protection Services. This program includes services provided to children who have been charged under the Juvenile Delinquents Act (and includes the operation of two training schools) and also is responsible for the non-legal services of the Family Court (e.g., enforcement, intake and counselling) in certain locations.

Day Care Services. Personnel in this program are responsible for the licensing of all pre-school programs caring for four or more children, and administering the subsidy program which is available to families placing children in registered centres.

Staff of Family & Children's Services Division.

Homemakers Services. This program is responsible for the support and monitoring of homemakers services which exist across the Province and for the administration of the grants which the Province makes available to such organizations.

A few highlights of the Family and Children's Services Division for the 1983/84 fiscal year which are worthy of special note include the following:

- As a result of legislative amendments, Regulations were developed and procedures put in place for the annual indexation of Maintenance Orders when the beneficiary was receiving either Family Benefits or General Assistance.
- A Day Care Task Force was appointed by the Minister of Social Services in December 1982. As a result of this Task Force the Minister, in October 1983, announced major improvements in the Day Care Services Program.
- Significant changes were made to the Regulations under the Children's Services Act respecting Discreet Inquiries in the Adoption Program. Basically, after January 1, 1984, discreet inquiries will be made once the adopted individual reaches the age of majority, unless the natural parent clearly states that he/she does not want to be contacted.
- Judge Elizabeth Roscoe was appointed a Judge of the Family Court effective February 1, 1984 replacing Judge Murray North.
- Mr. C.E. (Mike) Dunbrack retired as Supervisor of Family and Children's Services on February 29, 1984 after 39 years of service.

Family and Children's Services Section

Trevor Townsend, M.S.W., Director

The Family and Children's Services Section is responsible for providing the following services: protection services, children in care and custody, child caring facilities, services to unmarried mothers, adoption services, family counselling services, and transition houses.

Protection Services

Thirteen private agencies and five district offices of the Department of Social Services provide protection services under the Children's Services Act.

Protection services are the backbone of Family and Children's Services. The overall priority and philosophy of this service is to keep families together while protecting children from child abuse and neglect. The better the protection services provided in the community, the fewer children will be taken into care.

In the 1983-84 fiscal year, there was a dramatic increase in the number of referrals. This increase is due to a number of factors:

- The economic climate has created a great deal of stress for many families in Nova Scotia. When families are faced with financial crisis, the possibility of child abuse and neglect increases.
- The Minister of Social Services has conducted two colloquiums on child abuse: one in the metropolitan area of Halifax-Dartmouth on June 14, 1983 and one in Cape Breton (Sydney) on January 20, 1984. These colloquiums have made the general public more aware of child abuse and neglect. The Minister of Social Services also had enclosures relating to child abuse placed in the Nova Scotia Power Corporation bills and the Maritime Tel and Tel bills of all people receiving such services in Nova Scotia.
- The media have taken a greater interest in the area of child abuse and neglect in the past year. A number of articles have appeared in the local papers.

With all referrals, protection staff work to improve the functioning of families so that they can remain together. The protection worker uses various types of services in order to try and help families to cope with their problems. Services include homemakers, day care, mental health units, public health units and family counselling. If the protection worker feels that the family cannot function well together and the child needs to be temporarily removed, the agency can provide a placement for the child outside of the home under a Voluntary Care Agreement. These agreements under Section 8 of the Children's Services Act are established for a specific period of time and are intended to allow the parents of the child an opportunity to reassess their situation and re-establish their commitment to the child. Voluntary Care Agreements have been used quite extensively throughout the Province and have become valuable in helping children receive foster home and/or group home services. (See Table 2)

When efforts to keep the family together are not working the protection worker has the option of taking the family before the Family Court under the Chilren's Services Act. The decision to take a family to court occurs when a protection worker believes the child is in physical or emotional danger if he/she remains in the home. The child can be taken into care and placed in either a foster home, group home, or residential centre until the final decision is made in the court. Throughout this process, the welfare of the child is paramount. In 1983-84 in the Province of Nova Scotia, there were approximately 2,251 protection cases. Of this number only 215 children were taken into care and custody.

A Child Abuse Register has also been established. Under the Children's Services Act, anyone knowing of a child who appears to be in need of protection, must report the situation to the local child caring agency. Once this report is investigated and the agency substantiates the abuse the case is placed on the Child Abuse Register (Table 3). The goal is to protect the children involved and to help parents better meet their obligations to their children. For the calendar year 1983, 89 cases have been reported on the Child Abuse Register: 53 female and 36 male children. Of those reported to the Register, 26 were under three years of age, 20 were between four and six years of age, 21 were between seven and twelve years of age, and 22 were between twelve and sixteen years of age. In 24 instances of child abuse, where the perpetrator was identified, criminal charges were laid. Two children died as a result of child abuse in 1983. One family recorded on the Register moved to another province.

Children in Care and Custody

The care and custody program involves both planning for and supervising children whose legal guardianship has been transferred from the natural parent(s) to either a Children's Aid Society/Family and Children's Services Agency or to the Minister of Social Services through the Family Court. Although a variety of placements could have been used, approximately 66% of the children were placed in foster homes. In many cases, children were returned to their natural parent(s) when the parents were better able to provide for them. In other cases, when a family reunion was impossible, children were placed for adoption.

In 1983-84, 88 children in care and custody were placed for adoption. The younger a child is coming into permanent care and custody, the more the likelihood the child will be placed in an adoptive home. The emphasis by an agency is to place the child in as permanent a home as possible. Unfortunately, the older a child is coming into care, the fewer the chances that an adoptive home will be found. At the present time in Nova Scotia, approximately 80% of the children in permanent care and custody are over the age of 10 years (Table 1).

Over the past few years, the Department of Social Services has emphasized permanency planning for children in care and custody. The importance of planning for the child immediately upon his/her removal from the natural family is recognized. Once an agency feels a child cannot return to the natural family, then the next preferred option is adoption. If adoption does not seem feasible because of the age of the child or health problems, the next preferred option is a permanent life plan with a foster

family. The Department of Social Services hopes that the "child drift syndrome" within the child care system will be totally eliminated through this process.

Children in care and custody are supported through the Department of Social Services by maintenance payments. These payments are broken down according to age in the following manner.

AGE	MONTHLY BOARD
0-9	$195
10-19	$213

This monthly board is paid to foster parents. In addition, the foster parents receive a clothing allowance three times a year as follows.

AGE	AMOUNT	YEARLY
0-4	$106	$318
5-12	$179	$537
13 and up	$310	$630

Honourable Edmund L. Morris presenting a certificate to Mrs. Donna Atwood, President of the Halifax and Dartmouth Foster Parent Association, to kick off Foster Parent Week 1984.

When a child has additional needs because of medical, emotional, or dental problems, the Department may provide additional money for these purposes. Special needs are determined and paid on an individual basis as required.

In the areas served by Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services Agencies, the maintenance payments may differ from those shown above. The reason for the difference is that the Board of Directors of each agency has the authority to determine the overall breakdown of maintenance payments. In 1983-84, there were 1,459 children in care and custody in Nova Scotia (Table 4).

Child Caring Facilities

There are 17 privately operated child caring facilities in the Province and two additional facilities operated by the Department of Social Services. In most of the private facilities, the operating costs are covered 100% by the Department of Social Services and the municipalities. Programs for the children vary with each facility and an attempt is made to place the child in a facility with a program that meets his/hers needs. As of March 31, 1984 there were approximately 136 children placed in child caring facilities (Charts 1 & 2).

Services to Unmarried Mothers

Services are provided to single parents to help them plan for themselves and their children before or after the birth of a child. A range of services are provided to ensure that the health, social and emotional needs of the single parent and child are met. In general, the mother's needs for service is more acute than the father's because of the physical and psychological aspects of pregnancy and the legal responsibilities which she carries for the child. Consequently, the services offered to the single parent are primarily geared towards meeting the needs of the mother and her child.

A comprehensive service to single parents touches upon the present (the crisis of the pregnancy and what to do about it), the past (the circumstances that led to the pregnancy), and the future (how best to plan for the child and parent).

The single parent worker assists single parents to move through the crisis by drawing upon their personal strength.

Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services Agencies, the Department of Social Services, the Home of the Guardian Angel, and the Antigonish Diocesan Charities provided such services on a confidential basis to approximately 602 ummarried mothers in 1983 (Table 5). Homes providing facilities to unwed mothers are the Home of the Guardian Angel (Halifax), Bethany Home for Girls (Halifax), and Parkdale House (Sydney).

Adoption Services

Nineteen social agencies provide adoption services in Nova Scotia. These include 13 Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services Agencies, four district offices of the Department of Social Services and two child placing agencies operated under the auspices of the Catholic Dioceses of Halifax and Antigonish. The Department of Social Services also provides a

provincial adoption exchange in Halifax where the registry of children needing adoption homes and approved adopting families wanting children is maintained (Table 6).

The exchange provides communication and placement services amongst adoption agencies and pays particular attention to children with special needs. In 1983, there were 595 adoptions: 307 boys and 288 girls (Chart 3). The number of adoptions listed on the adoption register increases substantially each year.

The Department of Social Services also maintains an adoption register for adoptees searching for their natural parents. The adoption register operates on a passive basis: individuals can write in seeking their natural parents or natural parents can write in seeking a child given up for adoption. Contact with either party is not initiated unless there is a record on file of the natural parent having indicated his/her interest in establishing a contact with the child. Non-identifying information is shared with the adult adoptee only. A discreet inquiry is permitted when there is a medical or psychiatric need to know or if the child was legitimate at birth. In 1983-84, some 789 individuals were registered on the adoption register. Effective January 1, 1984, any person's adoption finalized after that date will have the right to a discreet inquiry upon reaching the age of majority (Chart 4).

On September 1, 1983, an amendment to the Children's Services Act was proclaimed increasing the requirements when a child is placed privately with non-relatives. A substantial fine is imposed if these requirements are not met.

Under the legislation, it is an offence for anyone other than a child placing agency to place a child for adoption with a non-relative unless the following conditions have been met:

- the natural mother has received counselling from a person appointed by the Minister.
- a social and medical history on the natural mother has been prepared.
- a valid written consent to the adoption has been obtained.
- the adoption home has been identified to the agency with jurisdiction in the area where the home is located.

Family Counselling Services

Funding in the form of grants is provided for the family counselling programs by the Department of Social Services and the Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia in the Counties of Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou, Richmond, Inverness, Victoria and Cape Breton and to the Association for Family Life in Halifax, Dartmouth and Halifax County. These counselling services are used heavily to augment protection services. Family counselling services are funded in Children's Aid Society/Family and Children's Services Agencies in Lunenburg, Annapolis and Truro.

Transition Houses

The Department has provided assistance to the two transition houses for battered women, Byrony House in Halifax and Cape Breton Transition House in Sydney, since they opened in 1978 and 1981 respectively. The houses are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provide temporary safe

shelters for physically and emotionally battered women and their children. Staff offer support counselling, advocacy services and refer the residents to a wide range of community services.

Beginning January 1, 1983, the Department initiated an on-going financial formula providing the houses with 75% of the approved budgets. The formula also applies to other parts of the Province. The Department's contribution to transition houses for the calendar year 1984 is $402,105. There are plans to open three more transition houses — one in Pictou County, one in Yarmouth County, and one in Kings County.

Day Care Services for Children

Elizabeth Bissett-Sagar, R.S.W., Director

Day Care Services is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Day Care Act — Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1978, and Regulations. This implies the licensing, monitoring, and development of all day care facilities for children, both full-day and part-day programs, throughout Nova Scotia. On March 31, 1984, there were 311 licensed day care facilities in Nova Scotia (see Table 7). The result of this program is the provision of services pertinent to "a child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development, apart from the child's parents or guardian," Day Care Act 2(a).

This service also processes applications for families who are applying for day care assistance, and provides subsidy payments to the 45 registered day care centres in Nova Scotia. Currently 1,860 subsidized spaces are provided for families who qualify for financial assistance based on their social and economic need. On March 31, 1984, some 1,532 families were receiving day care assistance for their children, who were enrolled in registered day care centres in the Province (see Chart 5).

As of March 31, 1984, some 45 registered day care centres and 266 privately operated day care facilities, both full-day and part-day, were licensed under the Day Care Act & Regulations. There were 38 privately-operated new facilities who received a license from the Minister of Social Services enabling them to provide day care services for young children and two additional registered day care facilities to the year-end March 1984 (see Table 8).

Besides the subsidy payments provided to the 45 registered day care facilities on behalf of the families who qualify for day care assistance, the Department provides a grant to the 33 child development centres, which are included in the total number of licensed facilities. The grant is to a maximum of 50% of their operating expenses based on the proportion of economically disadvantaged children attending the centre.

Task Force Report on Day Care

The Task Force was appointed by the Minister of Social Services in December 1982 to review all aspects of day care services. The Provincial Co-ordinating Committee, chaired by Mrs. Elizabeth MacNaughton, Senior Research & Planning Officer, Policy, Planning and Research Division, was

responsible for the overall coordination of the Task Force in conjunction with five regional committees. These comittees met together monthly following the public meetings in March 1983 and the final report was presented to the Minister of Social Services in July 1983.

The report was subsequently reviewed by officials in the Department of Social Services and submitted to Cabinet for approval of its 17 recommendations. Approval was received. In the press release of October 10, 1983, the Minister of Social Services announced major improvements in the Department's Day Care Services Program as a result of the Task Force Report and Recommendations.

The 17 recommendations covered four major areas: level of funding, staffing requirements for day care facilities, the need for additional subsidized spaces, and departmental support for day care facilities. The support mentioned specifically referred to additional program staff to work with the centres in developing meaningful programs for young children enrolled in the centres.

These recommendations were subsequently developed so that the majority would be ready for implementation on April 1, 1984. They were implemented as follows:

- *The level of funding* was increased by $1.25 per day, an 80¢ increase in the maximum per diem rate and a 40¢ equipment grant. Appropriate information was sent to the facilities so that procedures could be in effect by April 1.
- *Departmental support.* A job description was prepared for a Program Specialist, Day Care Services, and was approved by Management Board in March 1983 and ready for posting by the Civil Service Commission in April 1984.
- *Additional subsidized spaces.* Requests from the centres in relation to the needs expressed at the Task Force Hearings were reviewed, and 34 of the 50 additional spaces required were announced March 29, 1984 to the specific centres to be effective April 1, 1984.
- *Staffing qualifications — day care facilities.* The Regulation pertaining to this recommendation was drafted and was approved March 23, 1984 by the Executive Council, with an amendment to the Regulations under the Day Care Act — Section 21A (1-7). In essence, this Regulation states that effective April 1, 1987, the Chief Administrative Officer and one-third of the staff of each day care centre will be required to have completed a training program in Early Childhood Education or the eqivalent. Effective April 1, 1989, this requirement will extend to two-thirds of the staff in each of the licensed day care centres in Nova Scotia.

The response from the community in relation to approval of the Task Force Report and Recommendations and subsequent allocation of an additional $824,000 in funding for day care services has been positive, and the overall process of the Task Force with the inclusion of community representatives on the Task Force, as well as public meetings, was viewed as excellent (see Table 9).

Child Development Services Training Program

Child Development Services is a joint endeavour of the Department of Social Services and the Department of Education, to provide training for anyone wishing to have a special qualification as a worker with young children in day care facilities. The program is based at the Nova Scotia Teachers' College, Truro, and the Froebel Training Centre, Princeport, Colchester County.

The program has three facets:

- *A two-year on-campus program.* The registration for 1983-84 for the on-campus program was 79 in the first year and 71 in the second year, for a total enrollment of 150 students, an increase of 20 from the previous year.
- *An extension program,* consisting of an eventing a week within the student's own community and Saturday sessions at the Froebel Training Centre. The extension program operated in 15 locations throughout Nova Scotia, as well as at the Froebel Training Centre. During the past year, there were 30 weekly evening sessions with the communities, and 14 Saturday sessions at the Froebel Training Centre. One hundred and twenty students were registered in the extension program in September 1983.
- *A two-week summer program* in June at the Froebel Training Centre and Teachers' College is the third facet of this training program. This program is viewed as an enrichment program for staff employed in day care facilities, as well as a requirement for students enrolled in Level IV of the extension program.

Some 70 students were registered in the summer program of June 1983. The summer school staff included world renowned professors in the field of Early Childhood Education, who provided seminars and led small group workshops during the 14-day duration of the summer school.

Three of the seminar titles were *Priorities in the Early Years,* Dr. Gordon Eade, University of West Florida, Pensacola, U.S.A.; *Children's Pleasures and Needs in Books,* Ms. Joan Cass, formerly of the Institute of Education, London University, England; and *Science and Mathematics for Children,* Miss Alice Yardley, formerly of Nottingham University, England.

The Child Development Services June, 1983 Summer School Program was the seventh year that Child Development Services had a summer school program providing individuals with an opportunity for skill development and further understanding of young children.

Homemakers Services

A. Stewart Brown, R.S.W., Director

Under the Homemakers Services Act and Regulations Chapter 5, 40 homemakers services programs have been established under the umbrella of services administered by the Family & Children's Services Division. Some 23 of these programs are delivered through municipal social service departments, 8 through the Children's Aid Societies and 9 through the sponsorship of non-profit board-managed community agencies. The impact of the program, as a resourceful social service and integral component of

comprehensive family and children's services, continues to be evident through the Department's ongoing program evaluations.

The financial commitment to the development of Homemakers Servcies by the Department is as follows:

YEAR	BUDGET
1978	$ 200,000
1979-80	878,000
1980-81	1,286,000
1981-82	1,914,600
1982-83	1,769,300
1983-84	1,875,500

The financial sharing for homemakers services is based on a minimum of 75% provincial contribution; the previously cited dollars effectively represent only 75% of the total expenditures on homemakers services for Nova Scotians.

A total of 2500 clients were benefitting from subsidized homemakers services by March 31, 1984. With the introduction of a more generous Family Size and Income Guidelines schedule, the number of subsidized clients is expected to increase significantly.

The percentage of homemakers consumers in the senior age range (65 years upward) continues to be high (91-92%) and the impact of in-the-home services for this group has oftentimes allowed them to remain in their own homes, preventing or delaying their admission to Homes for Special Care.

The evaluative report on the home care pilot projects in Pictou and Lunenburg counties, which were being carried out in cooperation with the Departments of Health, Municipal Affairs and the Senior Citizens Secretariat, indicates that an expanded and enriched program of services will be planned for the benefit of all senior and disabled Nova Scotians as well as for families in crisis. The primary thrust will be to enable these people to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

Special Protection Services (Juvenile)

John T. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Director

Special Protection Services are provided to youths under the age of 16 years ajudged delinquent by the Court. Nineteen staff provide services to young people throughout the Province, and casework supervisors provide ongoing direction and supervision to these staff members. Their primary functions are to prepare predisposition reports and other related reports at the request of the Family Court Judges and to provide supervision to children placed on probation and to those who are placed in approved child caring facilities. They also liaise with the two training schools, helping to prepare youths who have been committed for reintegration to the community.

Special Protection Services oversee the operation of three community residential centres and two group homes with a total capacity of 47

children. Two centres are co-educational; all three have a capacity of 12 children.

One co-educational centre is located in Halifax and is operated by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The second co-educational centre is located in Hebron and is operated by the Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth. A third residential centre, which is not co-educational, is located in New Waterford and is operated for adolescent boys by the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton.

One group home is located in Shelburne, has a capacity of six adolescent boys, and is staffed by group home parents. The second group home, which is co-educational, is operated by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and has a capacity of five.

Anticipating the eventual proclamation of the Young Offenders Act, which was given Royal Assent on July 7, 1982, the Department held a three-day workshop on May 25, 26 and 27, 1983. This workshop brought together the majority of special protection workers from various regions of the Province as well as representatives of the two training schools.

When the announcement by the Federal Government was made for the proclamation of the Young Offenders Act effective April 2, 1984, another workshop was held on March 28, 29 and 30, 1984. Regional representatives and training school personnel attended, who would be the primary resource persons for training other staff in the regions, especially in regards to administration and procedure for implementing the Young Offenders Act.

A number of Orders-in-Council were made on the 27th day of March, 1984, for the implementation of the new Act and an announcement by the Minister of Social Services and the Attorney General was made in late March indicating that the administration of the new Act would be a joint, cooperative effort of the two departments. Social Services will continue to provide services to young offenders aged 12-15, while services to the 16- and 17-year-olds will be the responsibility of the Attorney General's Department. The upper age limit of 16 and 17 will not be effective until April 1, 1985.

Special Protection Services is responsible for two training schools, the Nova Scotia School for Boys, Shelburne, and the Nova Scotia School for Girls, Truro, respectively having a capacity of 150 and 80 children (see Table 10).

The objective of these training schools is to provide each child in care, through custody and a controlled environment, with a program of socialization, education and guidance. This approach is intended to improve the child's self-image and to help him/her develop necessary internal controls to maintain acceptable conduct within the community.

The annual reports submitted by the Superintendents of the training school follow.

Nova Scotia School for Boys

Heikki Muinonen, Superintendent
Terrance Smith, Assistant Superintendent

Committals to the School for Boys were down during the first quarter, but began steadily increasing during the latter part of the fiscal year. As of April

1, 1983, there were 69 boys at the training school; during the balance of the year, 149 were committed. The total days care for the fiscal year was 28,672, of which 1057 were for 72 boys on remand. This represents a decrease in days care from the previous two fiscal years. In 1981-82, a total of 39,058 days care was given and in 1982-83 the total was 30,197.

It is not possible to predict if the fluctuation of committals over the past three years will level off, or if it will continue under the Young Offenders Act. The new legislation may have a drastic impact not only on the numbers committed and resultant days care but on the general profile of the resident population.

The average length of stay at the training school remained the same: seven months. This is interesting, considering that the number of definite committals has increased greatly and early releases of children committed for "status offences" and under the Education Act has been integrated in the program of the training school.

A total of 36 boys left the training school without permission. This is down from 43 the year before and considerably lower than the "traditional" number of 80 to 100. Increased attention to this area by the training school staff has produced excellent results. Offences committed by boys who have run away are down even more than the actual number of runaways. The offences in the past year have been less severe as well.

Much planning has gone into readying the training school for the proclamation of the Young Offenders Act. Further changes in the classification of the residents are going to be legally mandated and some secondary changes are likely to be implemented internally. It also appears that the training school will have to accommodate, as a separate entity, a provincial place of safety for children who will be committed to the training school, not as young offenders under the Young Offenders Act but as children under the Children's Services Act. The recently implemented changes in the classification of the residents are likely to offer a good basis for the future changes mandated and caused by the new legislation.

The pastoral co-ordinators' program, which by now has become an integral part of the training school, experienced a great boost with the opening of the new chapel. The construction of the chapel in the Adminstration Building was undertaken as a cooperative effort by the Department of Social Services, the Department of Government Services, staff and boys at the training school. Various church communities in Shelburne also supported this effort with tangible donations.

The Air Cadet Squadron has again had a successful year and a very well received cadet inspection. The members of the squadron continued their contacts with the neighbouring squadrons through a number of social and other functions.

Within the daily living program, a somewhat formalized code of conduct was established for the residents. This code sets parameters of acceptable conduct by a resident and outlines the penalties and procedures available to staff when dealing with a resident. The code of conduct is a pilot project in the Nova Cottage, which houses the residents with high profile delinquent backgrounds. Thus far, it has proven successful and may become a permanent part of Nova Cottage. It may even be modified for use in the balance of the training school.

A new and very important staff position was established when a supervisor was hired for night staff. This position has had positive results in the areas of staff supervision, staff training, and security.

The loss of the services provided by the Co-ordinator of Psychological Services for the Province has considerably reduced the available resources in this area. However, this service is being provided by the Shelburne Mental Health Clinic. Psychological assessments for remanded residents will continue to be severely limited.

The fiscal year 1983-84 was strongly characterized by the preparations for the new legislation, the Young Offenders Act. It was a good year, incorporating some new approaches and consolidating improvements made the year before.

Nova Scotia School for Girls

William MacLeod, Superintendent
Marilyn Brookes, Assistant Superintendent

As of April 1, 1983, the population at the school was 47 girls. This compared to a population of 61 girls one year before. During this year, 72 girls were committed to the training school compared to 73 girls committed the previous year. The school also received 37 remands during the year, an increase of one over the past year.

The total number of days care was less than in previous years: 12,279 compared to 15,600 in 1982-83. This decrease appears related to definite sentences by the Judges of the Family Court.

During the summer of 1983 the Nova Scotia School for Girls applied to the Solicitor General, Government of Canada, for a grant which was approved in the amount of $10,140. Three staff were employed with the following objective: to organize, develop, and present a life skills program relevant to the needs of the school's clients. This program was most successful and from it a manual has been prepared and published. This manual should be a useful teaching tool for any staff working with young people.

Upcoming implementation of the Young Offenders Act was of particular interest. During the year a committee of staff in the school participated in numerous training sessions both at the provincial and local levels. All staff were exposed to the Act and its ramifications on the school. The committee also developed a variety of programs that would relate to the school's overall program and different lengths of committals with which the school may have to deal.

Annual programs continued, including the summer camp at Camp Blue Waters for seven weeks, careers day, track and field, annual picnic and the Christmas tea and sale. Each is a very important aspect of the program, involving both staff and girls.

The daily living program was revised, updating it to the needs of the girls. Revision was necessary due to changes in the personal enrichment program.

In the next year the school will deal with young people committed under the Young Offenders Act. This will require changes in program,

policy and procedure. To deal with these aspects, staff training must become an integral part of the regular routine.

A second area that must be focused upon is the ever-increasing needs of young people. The program of the Nova Scotia School for Girls must be regularly assessed to meet these changing needs.

Family Court for the Province of Nova Scotia

The Family Court provides the following services: judicial, intake, counselling, enforcement and special protection services. Under the authority of the Department of Social Services, the non-judicial services are the direct responsibility of the regional administrators. In the larger Court centres of Halifax, and Sydney, the day to day operation of the Court is the responsibility of the Court Supervisors, who report to the regional administrator in the particular region. A brief description of the Court services follows (See also Tables 11-13).

Judicial

The Family Court Act became law in 1963 and was proclaimed throughout the Province of Nova Scotia in November 1971. The Family Court is a Court of summary procedure with jurisdiction in family matters including maintenance, child protection and juvenile delinquency. Although it is primarily judicial in scope, the Court is concerned with the fundamental relationships of the family, in that it acts as a conciliator in family problems and as a protector of the rights of clients coming before the Court. The primary goal of the Family Court is to provide a high quality service, specializing in family law complemented by related social and enforcement services. The Family Court is responsible for hearing and disposing of matters under the following legislation, as assigned by the Family Court Act and Amendments:

- Family Maintenance Act
- Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act
- Employment Act
- Children's Services Act
- Juvenile Delinquents Act
- Education Act (as it relates to offences under Section 99 and failure to compel attendance of children at school)
- Sections 168 and 197 of the Criminal Code of Canada
- Sections 245, 745, and 746 of the Criminal Code of Canada where the parties involved are husband and wife or parent and child
- Sections of the Solemnization of Marriage Act relating to the consent of persons under the age of 16 years to marry and the performance of marriage
- Infants Custody Act
- Such other Acts or matters as the Governor-in-Council may from time to time deem appropriate.

On March 27, 1984, the Family Court was designated as the Youth Court for the Province of Nova Scotia, by Order-in-Council. The Family Court Judges were designated as Youth Court Judges for the purpose of the Young Offenders Act proclaimed as law on April 2, 1984. This Act replaces the Juvenile Delinquents Act which dates back to 1908.

Family Court Judge Murray A. North retired on January 31, 1984, and Elizabeth Roscoe was appointed Judge on February 1, 1984.

There is a present complement of 12 Judges in the Province of Nova Scotia who can hold proceedings throughout the Province. It is customary, for each Judge to be assigned a particular geographical area, as follows:

Louis B. Edwards, Chief Judge	— Cape Breton and Victoria counties
Robert Ferguson	— Cape Breton and Richmond counties
T. Daniel Tramble	— Richmond, Inverness, Antigonish, Guysborough, Colchester, Pictou counties
Robert White	— Pictou and Cumberland counties
Raymond Bartlett	— Dartmouth, Colchester, Hants counties
W. Marshall Black	— Annapolis and Kings counties
Elizabeth Roscoe	— Halifax
Robert J. Butler	— Halifax
Louis E. Moir	— Halifax
Paul S. Niedermayer	— Dartmouth, Lunenburg, Hants counties
Timothy T. Daley	— Dartmouth
John D. Comeau	— Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Digby counties

The Family Court is located in nine centres across the Province in Amherst, Antigonish, Dartmouth, Halifax, New Glasgow, Kentville, Port Hawkesbury, Sydney and Yarmouth.

In other areas of the Province, Court is held on a circuit basis in the following areas: Arichat, Baddeck, Barrington, Bridgewater, Digby, Guysborough, Liverpool, Lunenburg, Middleton, Port Hood, Shelburne, Sherbrooke, Shubenacadie, Truro and Windsor.

At each Court centre there is a courtroom(s) and office(s) for the Judge(s) and the Court staff.

Intake

The intake service of the Family Court determines and assesses the nature of a problem and initiates the most appropriate action.

In the three Court centres (Halifax, Dartmouth and Sydney), intake services are provided by social workers while in the other areas of the Province, Family Court Officers are primarily responsible for these services.

Counselling

Short-term counselling is offered to clients of the Family Court. Families or individuals requiring long-term counselling services are referred to appropriate services in the community. Clients may also be referred for counselling by Judges of the Court.

Enforcement

The enforcement section of the Family Court oversees the collection of monies ordered by the Court under appropriate legislation.

In each of the three Court locations (Halifax, Dartmouth and Sydney), there is a Senior Family Court Officer. As of March 31, 1984, Enforcement Officers were also employed throughout the Province. Total collections for the year amounted to $11,010,931.28.

Table 1

Comparative Statistics Showing Services By Children's Aid Societies, Family and Children's Services and District Offices

		Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
1.	(a) No. of children in care and custody on April 1, 1983	66	244	91	81
	(b) No. of children taken into care and custody during the period	10	33	11	9
	(c) No. of children placed under care by transfer of guardianship	—	—	—	—
	(d) No. of children transferred into region	—	—	—	—
	(e) Total of (a) (b) (c) (d)	76	277	102	90
	(f) No. of children whose care and custody ended during period				
	(1) by coming of age	5	17	6	7
	(2) by adoption	1	23	3	1
	(3) by marriage	—	1	—	—
	(4) by Court Order	2	9	6	2
	(5) by death	2	—	—	—
	(g) Transfers by legal guardianship	—	—	—	—
	(h) No. of children transferred out of region	—	—	—	—
	(i) Total of (f) (g) (h)	10	50	15	10
	(j) No. of children under care and custody on March 31, 1984	66	227	87	80
	(k) Total no.of children committed since society founding	815	3359	1045	1450
	(l) (1) No. of orders on which payments were made regularly	—	—	1	—
	(2) No. of orders on which payments were made in default	—	—	1	1
	(3) No. of cases in which court action was taken under Section 71	—	—	—	—
2.	**No. of children taken into care and custody during the period who were**				
	(a) Protestant	8	3	7	9
	Roman Catholic	2	27	4	—
	Others/No finding	—	3	—	—
	(b) Boys	3	18	4	5
	Girls	7	15	7	4
	(c) Children of unmarried mothers	1	4	3	1
	(d) Others in need of protection	9	29	8	8

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
228	54	44	85	71	107	29	50	69	51	142	48	28	71	1559
42	5	8	20	12	12	2	6	8	—	22	7	4	4	215
—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
270	59	52	105	84	119	31	56	77	53	165	55	32	75	1778
32	9	6	15	9	5	2	3	8	5	13	14	4	12	172
15	4	14	5	—	8	2	2	—	—	8	—	2	—	88
1	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	8
9	—	1	—	—	13	—	4	4	3	2	3	—	—	58
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
60	14	21	22	10	26	4	9	12	8	25	19	7	12	334
210	45	31	83	74	93	27	47	65	45	140	36	25	63	1444
2461	786	27	1198	769	1395	496	471	847	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	15119
—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	5
—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	8
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
16	4	1	18	1	6	1	4	6	—	10	4	1	3	102
9	—	7	1	1	6	1	2	2	—	6	3	3	1	75
17	1	—	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	38
25	3	4	9	8	9	1	2	3	—	13	3	1	1	112
17	2	4	11	4	3	1	4	5	—	9	4	3	3	103
10	3	4	11	1	1	1	2	—	—	5	—	2	—	49
32	2	4	9	11	11	1	4	8	—	17	7	2	4	166

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(Table 1 continued)

		Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
3.	**No. of children taken into care at end of period who were**				
	(a) Protestant	55	101	68	68
	Roman Catholic	11	119	19	12
	Others/No finding	—	7	—	—
	(b) Boys	34	134	53	41
	Girls	32	93	34	39
	(c) Under 5 years of age	5	26	4	5
	5 and under 10 years of age	8	34	8	9
	10 and under 15 years of age	23	45	21	24
	15 and under 19 years of age	26	89	37	34
	19 to 20 years of age	4	33	17	8
4.	**No. of children under care at end of period who were**				
	(a) in foster-homes	49	158	52	47
	(b) independent living/boarding homes	2	22	6	2
	(c) in adoption probation homes	4	15	1	3
	(d) in residential centres	1	4	—	—
	(e) in child caring facilities N.S.H.C.C., Bairn, S.O.S. Village	—	1	4	—
	(f) in N.S.S.B., N.S.S.G.	1	1	—	1
	(g) in N.S. Youth Training Centre/ Children's Training Centres	2	4	1	4
	(h) free homes	—	—	1	—
	(i) self-supporting	3	7	2	6
	(j) with own parents	3	5	12	8
	(k) in Independence Home	—	—	—	—
	(l) in group homes	1	7	—	5
	(m) other	—	3	8	4

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
104	32	9	75	37	58	25	39	36	8	72	20	9	45	861
75	7	22	6	11	35	2	8	29	37	54	16	16	18	497
31	6	—	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	86
103	25	15	39	46	48	16	23	33	27	84	16	11	41	789
107	20	16	44	28	45	11	24	32	18	56	20	14	22	655
19	6	6	5	1	7	1	3	4	4	13	2	1	2	114
31	5	5	10	4	15	2	5	6	7	17	9	5	5	185
54	9	3	20	21	22	9	18	15	10	40	7	8	19	368
88	16	15	30	39	38	11	19	35	17	62	14	9	35	614
18	9	2	18	9	11	4	2	5	7	8	4	2	2	163
121	29	21	49	64	74	21	21	44	37	73	22	18	47	947
28	1	7	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	11	2	—	1	86
21	4	1	10	1	1	1	7	2	1	5	—	3	1	81
2	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	1	18
2	—	—	2	—	1	—	7	—	1	6	1	—	1	26
4	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	2	1	—	1	15
3	—	1	3	—	8	—	9	5	2	5	2	2	2	53
—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	7
4	3	1	4	1	2	2	2	6	3	6	2	—	1	55
5	5	—	4	3	1	3	—	2	1	4	—	—	3	59
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
12	1	—	2	1	3	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	3	40
8	—	—	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	16	3	2	2	54

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5. **Volume of service in terms of cases active during fiscal year 83/84**	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
(a) completed adoption reports submitted (agency/private)				
(1) first reports	13	94	35	19
(2) second reports	11	79	17	18
(3) supplementary	—	2	2	—
(b) children in care under Section 45.1 CSA carried over	1	9	4	2
(c) children taken into care under Sect: 45.1 CSA 83/84	11	63	16	10
(d) # agreements registered under Vol. Care Sect. 8 CSA	14	41	18	12
(e) # agreements registered under Sect. 10 CSA	1	17	9	6
(f) protection cases open on April 1, 1983	49	165	60	40
(g) new protection cases opened 1983/84	70	374	121	33
(h) miscell: intakes (incl. referrals from outside prov. & short-term)	2	197	13	262
(i) custody reports referred during 1983/84	5	21	6	1
(j) children supervised from other provinces	6	10	4	2
(k) referrals to agency family counsellor	52	—	156	33
(l) unmarried mothers carried over	12	13	8	6
(m) new unmarried mothers opened 1983/84	8	55	25	13
(n) foster homes in use during fiscal year	54	127	47	41
(o) studies completed and approved	16	14	7	9
(p) children in care & custody April 1, 1983	66	244	91	81
(q) children taken into care & custody in fiscal year	10	33	11	9
(r) children provided service in own homes (approx.)	405	1442	454	106
TOTAL	806	3000	1104	703

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
34	23	9	41	27	24	10	10	17	6	161	14	9	1	546
20	18	25	34	24	24	13	9	18	7	156	17	7	—	497
—	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
37	6	4	9	7	5	1	5	7	—	7	—	—	4	108
53	6	10	36	12	20	4	16	22	—	13	18	9	5	324
71	34	3	40	30	28	2	10	29	1	143	22	1	31	530
11	1	—	9	2	7	—	—	1	5	17	3	—	—	89
151	112	123	91	94	76	51	47	72	50	375	77	34	73	1740
237	110	55	343	64	51	14	88	53	16	281	80	14	247	2251
181	1	1	80	112	8	47	4	65	3	28	2	40	21	1067
23	9	3	20	4	13	2	7	3	1	21	7	1	10	157
2	8	—	2	8	—	—	—	1	1	12	—	—	4	60
—	—	—	—	55	—	—	30	19	—	—	—	—	—	345
44	3	—	10	5	3	—	1	11	1	80	17	2	—	216
77	3	2	43	10	15	1	9	13	4	61	9	4	—	352
90	33	18	64	36	60	15	24	35	28	97	24	19	*	812
16	36	2	2	11	3	—	2	12	—	31	—	2	—	163
228	54	44	85	71	107	29	50	69	51	142	48	28	71	1559
42	5	8	20	12	12	2	6	8	—	22	7	4	4	215
617	467	266	525	499	160	85	252	312	230	1685	343	122	798	8768
1934	930	573	1455	1086	616	276	570	767	404	3332	688	296	1268	19808

* Included in Dartmouth

Table 2

Voluntary Care Agreements
Children's Services Act
Registered with Department of Social Services
1983-1984

Agency	Number of Agreements Signed* Section 8**	Section 10
F. & C.S. of Annapolis County	14	1
Antigonish Diocesan Charities	—	15
C.A.S. of Cape Breton	41	17
C.A.S. & F.S. of Colchester County	18	9
F. & C.S. of Cumberland County	12	6
C.A.S. of Halifax	71	11
F. & C.S. of Hants County	34	1
Home of the Guardian Angel	—	42
C.A.S. of Inverness-Richmond	3	—
F. & C.S. of Kings County	40	9
F. & C.S. of Lunenburg County	30	2
C.A.S. of Pictou County	28	7
F. & C.S. of Queens County	2	—
C.A.S. of Shelburne County	10	—
F. & C.S. of Yarmouth County	29	1
District Offices		
Antigonish	1	5
Dartmouth	143	17
Digby	22	3
Guysborough	1	—
Sackville	31	—
TOTAL	530	146

* The totals on this table include agreements signed through the Antigonish Diocesan Charities and the Home of the Guardian Angel.

** Extensions are not counted as separate agreements in the Section 8 totals.

Table 3

Child Abuse Register — Statistical Information
for the Calendar Years 1979-1983

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Total Number of Cases Recorded	47	31	45	65	89
Age Range of Children					
Under 3 yr. of age	19	12	18	15	26
4-6 yr. of age	7	9	8	15	26
7-12 yr. of age	13	5	11	21	21
12-16 yr. of age	8	5	8	14	22
Sex of Children					
Male	22	20	20	24	36
Female	25	11	25	41	53
Deaths	1	—	1	1	2
Cases Removed from the Child Abuse Register	—	1	3	3	—
Family Moved Out-of-Province	—	—	3	4	1

	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Type of Abuse										
Physical	24	17	26	9	23	18	30	24	34	39
Emotional	3	2	—	—	—	5	3	3	2	1
Sexual	—	7	1	2	1	8	—	15	4	18
Child Abuse Prior to First Report to Agency	15	13	9	6	10	12	9	19	19	26
Month Abuse Occurred										
January-March	6	11	2	3	6	4	6	10	9	13
April-June	4	6	7	—	3	9	6	11	11	14
July-September	5	2	5	6	6	6	7	8	8	11
October-December	7	8	6	2	5	6	5	12	8	15
Alleged Perpetrator										
Father	10	8	5	4	8	10	9	13	8	18
Mother	6	9	3	3	4	5	8	8	14	14
Stepfather	2	2	1	—	6	4	3	6	4	3
Stepmother	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sibling	4	—	7	2	—	—	—	1	2	4
Other	5	7	7	1	3	7	8	14	12	19

(Cont'd)

(Table 3 continued)

	1979		1980		1981		1982		1983	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Referred by										
Self	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3
Family	1	1	2	—	1	5	3	7	11	4
Neighbor	2	1	1	—	1	3	—	2	3	3
Social Agency	2	1	2	1	—	2	3	5	2	2
PHN/VON	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1
Courts	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Schools	4	1	1	—	4	2	4	4	4	6
Hospital (Physician)	17	22	20	11	20	17	18	27	30	42
Police	3	2	—	2	—	—	1	5	3	5
Day Care	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	—
Friend	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Priest	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
Other	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Agency Decision										
Left With Parents	6	13	8	5	10	15	12	24	20	30
Supervision Required	15	14	8	7	13	12	16	21	19	25
Removed from Abusive Environment	9	4	8	4	9	10	7	15	16	21
Sibling Removed	4	4	—	1	5	2	6	7	5	5
Services Received from Agency										
Family Counselling	15	19	7	3	9	15	11	22	20	31
Supervision	14	19	12	10	10	11	17	29	28	41
Homemakers	1	3	3	1	2	1	—	5	5	5
Voluntary Care	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	5	—	5
Others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	3
Immediate Action Taken										
Child Examined by M.D.	22	25	20	11	20	20	20	30	32	40
Color Photos Taken	11	6	9	4	11	7	9	9	14	11
Full Body X-Ray	14	7	8	6	6	3	5	6	7	8
The Police Involved	11	11	7	3	8	11	12	28	19	32
Police Investigation	8	8	4	1	8	10	7	23	13	24
Cases Brought to Family Court	**16**		**10**		**18**		**23**		**23**	
Notice to Bring*	—		—		2		1		2	
Taken Into Care*	—		—		3		7		28	
Friendly Care and Supervision*	—		—		8		11		10	
Care and Custody	12		4		8		8		11	
Dismissed	—		—		—		5		6	
Still Before the Court	—		—		—		4		8	

*This information not taken in 1979 or 1980.

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(Table 3 continued)

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Police Involvement					
No. of Cases Police Involved	22	10	19	40	52
No. of These Cases Brought to Family Court	16	5	7	16	19
Criminal Charges Laid	4	4	7	17	24
Charges Dropped	—	—	1	—	1
Convictions	—	—	6	9	19
Not Guilty	—	—	—	—	1
Results Not Available	—	—	—	8	3
Agency					
Annapolis	9	1	1	2	1
Antigonish	3	—	—	2	—
Cape Breton	1	1	6	8	8
Colchester	2	1	1	1	4
Cumberland	2	1	3	1	5
Dartmouth	14	7	19	17	23
Digby	—	—	1	—	1
Guysborough	—	—	—	—	6
Halifax	9	14	7	12	10
Hants	—	—	1	1	4
Inverness/Richmond	1	—	—	—	—
Kings	2	1	—	8	6
Lunenburg	—	2	—	1	6
Pictou	—	1	2	3	3
Queens	2	—	—	1	2
Sackville	1	2	2	4	3
Shelburne	—	—	1	—	4
Yarmouth	1	—	1	2	3
Additional/Related Indications of Alleged Abuse in Family					
Past Abuse of Parents	9	5	6	9	16
Stressful Events	18	14	12	29	49
Alcohol Abuse	6	6	12	14	20
Drug Abuse	—	—	—	—	1
Supervision	5	6	6	11	22
Mental Health	10	3	5	11	12
Nutrition	4	—	—	4	10
Medical	7	2	3	10	8
Emotional Care	8	9	8	12	24
Inappropriate Discipline	15	9	13	21	40
Other	7	4	4	4	—
Resources Used					
Public Health	5	3	2	7	11
Social Services (mainly I.W.K.)	12	5	10	10	19
M.H.C. and Other Psychiatric Services	13	12	9	14	22
Counselling	8	20	6	13	15

(Cont'd)

(Table 3 continued)

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Resources Used (cont'd)					
Medical/Family Dr./Hospital	6	3	3	5	6
Day Care	4	7	3	4	15
A.C.G.C.	1	2	7	5	15
Legal Aid Services	3	2	1	1	2
Local School	2	2	3	5	8
Association for Family Life	—	1	3	—	—
Municipal Social Assistance	2	1	1	1	6
S.O.S.	1	2	5	3	6
Residential/Training Centre	2	3	2	—	—
Family Court Services	—	3	2	2	4
Priest/Church	—	2	1	—	2
Dartmouth Boys & Girls Club	—	—	1	1	—
R.C.M.P./Police	2	—	3	4	6
Al-Teen/Alcoholics Anonymous					
Detox	—	—	1	—	6
Big Sisters/Big Brothers	—	—	1	2	1
Child Welfare Agency	—	—	3	3	3
Psychologist	4	—	4	1	7
E.S.P.	—	—	1	—	—
Indian Chief/Native					
Constable	—	—	—	1	—
Family Benefits	2	2	—	2	2
Volunteer Services	1	3	—	—	—
Public Housing/Housing					
Authority	—	—	—	3	1
Parent Education	2	3	—	—	—
Job Opportunities	—	—	—	2	—
One Parent Family					
Association	—	1	—	—	—
Family	1	—	—	2	—
Mic Mac Friendship Centre	—	1	—	—	—
Permanency Planning	—	—	—	1	—
M.L.A.	1	—	—	—	—
Rehabilitation Centre	—	—	—	1	1
Transition House	1	—	—	—	1
School for Deaf	1	—	—	—	—
Canadian Forces Base	1	—	—	—	—
Drug Dependency	—	—	—	—	—
Parents Without Partners					
Group	—	—	—	—	—
Adult Probation	—	—	—	—	—
Babysitting Services	—	—	—	—	3
Financial Support	—	—	—	—	2

Abbreviations:
M.H.C. — Mental Health Care
A.C.G.C. — Atlantic Child Guidance Centre
S.O.S. — Services of Support
I.W.K. — Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children
R.C.M.P. — Royal Canadian Mounted Police
M.L.A. — Member of Legislative Assembly
E.S.P. — Extra Support to Parents

Table 4

Comparative Statistics For Child-Caring Facilities And Residential Centres

	Bairncroft	Home of the Guardian Angel	Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children	Boys Residential Centre	Residential Ce Halifax
1. (a) No. of children resident on April 1, 1983	6	1	22	12	10
(b) No. admitted during the year	34	65	70	11	12
(c) Total of (a) and (b)	40	66	92	23	22
(d) No. of children discharged during the year	38	63	68	12	12
(e) No. resident on March 31, 1984	2	3	24	11	10
2. **No. of children admitted during the year who were**					
(a) boys	19	33	42	11	2
(b) girls	15	32	28	—	10
(c) birth - 5 years	1	65	—	—	—
6 years - 9 years	8	—	—	—	—
10 years - 12 years	6	—	6	—	—
13 years - 15 years	17	—	49	11	9
16 years - 20 years	2	—	15	—	3
3. **Average length of stay (in days) in the facility**					
(a) of number discharged during the year	64.9	13	116.2	450	435.4
(b) of those resident at end of year	31.5	8.3	572.8	339	180.5
4. (a) No. of children cared for during the year	40	66	92	23	22
(b) Total number of days care during the year of all children in 4(a)	1664	856	8627	4170	3042
(c) Average cost of care per child per day	52.46	79.45	56.65	68.86	101.93
5. **No. of persons on staff of the facility**					
(a) supervisory	3	4 1/3	3	8	9
(b) clerical and stenographic	1	1	1	1	1
(c) maintenance	3	—	3	2	1
(d) teachers	—	—	12	—	—
Total number of staff	7	5 1/3	19	11	11
6. **No of persons working on the staff of the facility**					
(a) group home parents/supervisory counsellors	—	—	—	—	—
(b) relief group home parents/house	—	—	—	—	—
(c) counsellors - full time	—	—	—	—	—
(d) counsellors - casual	—	—	—	—	—
(e) maintenance	—	—	—	—	—
Total number of staff	—	—	—	—	—

Residential Centre Hebron	C.A.S. of Halifax Group Home	D.H. Johnson House	Dept. of Social Services Ind. Home	F. & C.S. of Hants Co. Group Home	F.&C.S. of Lunenburg Co. Group Home	Hawthorne House	Jubien House	Liscombe Group Home	Ramsay House	Sisters of the Good Shepherd - G.H.	S.O.S. Children's Village	Whitney Avenue Group Home	Y.M.C.A. Walnut St. Group Home	Total
8	5	6	3	6	4	9	7	5	4	4	1	4	5	122
14	4	40	6	10	3	34	36	6	19	2	8	6	10	390
22	9	46	9	16	7	43	43	11	23	6	9	10	15	512
10	5	38	5	10	3	36	34	6	15	4	—	6	11	376
12	4	8	4	6	4	7	9	5	8	2	9	4	4	136
12	4	—	—	10	3	34	—	2	9	—	3	1	9	194
2	—	40	6	—	—	—	36	4	10	2	5	5	1	196
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	12
5	1	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	3	1	4	34
7	3	34	2	9	1	20	26	3	11	—	4	5	5	216
2	—	6	4	1	2	4	10	2	8	2	—	—	1	62
254	6896	41.5	268.2	169.6	58.2	88.3	49.3	328.7	115.1	765.5	—	53.7	402.5	—
224	399	275	72	355.3	351.3	124.6	309.7	424	140	180	234.7	503	280.5	—
22	9	46	9	16	7	43	43	11	23	6	9	10	15	—
3844	1730	2959	1042	2012	1315	2755	2994	2230	1836	1720	2112	1404	1773	—
66.51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36 1/3
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63 1/3
—	2	1	2	—	2	1	1	2	—	—	5	2	2	20
—	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
—	—	5	—	3	—	5	5	—	3	3	—	—	—	24
—	—	1½	—	—	—	1½	1½	—	—	—	—	—	—	4½
—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	7	7½	2	4	2	8½	7½	2	3	3	5	2	2	55½

Table 5

Comparative Statistics Showing Services to Unmarried Mothers and Children by Child Placing Agencies and Maternity Homes

	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.	Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness Richmond
1. No. of active unmarried mother cases open on April 1, 1983	12	13	8	6	44	3	—
2. No. of cases opened during the year	8	55	25	13	77	3	2
3. No. of cases closed during the year	16	47	24	9	104	5	1
4. No. of active cases open on March 31, 1984	4	21	9	10	17	1	1
5. Residence of unmarried mother (No. 2)							
In Nova Scotia	8	53	24	13	77	3	2
Outside Nova Scotia	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
6. Ages of unmarried mothers counselled (No. 2)							
15 and under	2	3	1	—	3	1	—
16-20	4	39	11	11	46	1	1
21-25	1	9	8	1	22	1	—
26-30	—	3	5	1	3	—	—
31-35	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
36 and over	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
7. No. of children under care April 1, 1983							
(a) child care facility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) foster home	—	1	1	—	6	—	—
(c) with mother	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
8. No. of children admitted to care							
(a) mother on umarried program	3	21	10	7	12	1	1
(b) mother unknown or child deserted	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
9. No. of children discharged from care							
(a) child returned to mother's care	—	4	2	1	4	—	1
(b) child taken into care and custody	1	4	1	—	9	—	—
(c) notice of proposed adoption filed	—	11	7	4	—	1	—
10. No. of children under care, March 31, 1984							
(a) child care facility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) foster home	—	4	1	2	7	—	—
11. No. of children in (No.10) who were							
(a) Protestant	—	2	1	2	7	—	—
(b) Roman Catholic	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Other/No finding	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Boys	—	2	—	1	6	—	—
(e) Girls	—	2	1	1	1	—	—

Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Home of the Guardian Angel	Antigonish Diocesan Charities	Salvation Army Bethany Home	Salvation Army Parkdale House	Total
10	5	3	—	1	11	1	80	17	2	38	28	10	8	300
43	10	15	1	9	13	4	61	9	4	139	52	37	22	602
40	11	15	1	7	13	5	80	24	3	148	54	38	27	672
13	4	3	—	3	11	—	61	2	3	29	26	9	3	230
42	10	15	1	9	13	4	55	9	4	127	52	31	20	572
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	12	—	6	2	30
2	1	—	—	2	1	—	4	—	—	10	5	4	2	41
29	5	13	1	5	10	4	40	8	2	87	32	24	9	382
10	3	2	—	2	2	—	9	—	1	29	10	8	7	125
2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	11	3	1	3	38
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	—	—	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	2	—	3	—	—	18
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
16	2	—	1	1	3	4	26	2	1	65	18	10	—	204
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5	—	—	—	—	3	3	10	1	1	17	8	10	—	70
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	1	—	—	—	22
11	2	—	1	1	—	2	13	1	—	45	10	—	—	111
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	20
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	15
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	14
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	9

Table 6

A. Adoptions

1. Number of children adopted 595

2. Age grouping of children at time of legal adoption:

Under 1 year	144	8 years	33
1 year	60	9 years	22
2 years	25	10 years	10
3 years	39	11 years	20
4 years	52	12 years	13
5 years	47	13 years	17
6 years	38	14 years	14
7 years	46	15 years	15
		16 years	—

Average age at time of adoption: 5 years 2 months.

3. Place of birth of children in 1:

(a) Annapolis	12	Inverness	9
Antigonish	25	Kings	24
Cape Breton	95	Lunenburg	17
Colchester	31	Pictou	23
Cumberland	13	Queens	9
Digby	8	Richmond	1
Guysborough	3	Shelburne	5
Halifax	197	Victoria	1
Hants	8	Yarmouth	17
(b) Out of province	97	Birth Place information not available	0

4. Number of children in 1 born:

(a) In wedlock 172 (b) Out of wedlock 423

5. Religion of children in 1:

(a) Protestant 303 (b) Roman Catholic 251 (c) Other 41

6. Length of stay of children in adoption home prior to completion of adoption:

Under 1 year	289	8 years	5
1 year but not over 2 years	154	9 years	3
2 years but not over 3 years	51	10 years	4
3 years	35	11 years	2
4 years	21	12 years	—
5 years	10	13 years	2
6 years	11	14 years	1
7 years	6	15 years	1

Average length of stay in adoption homes: 2 years.

7. Lapse of time between filing of notice and completion of adoption:

Under 1 year	486	5 years	—
1 year but not over 2	96	6 years	—
2 years but not over 3	5	7 years	—
3 years	5	8 years	1
4 years	2		

Average lapse of time between filing of notice and completion of adoption: 9 months.

8. **Number of children in 1, who were later adopted, where a certificate was granted by the Minister for the waiving of the 6 months' waiting time:** 21.

9. **Number of children in 1, placed by:**

(a)	Children's Aid Societies	136
(b)	Director of Family & Children's Services	21
(c)	Child Caring Institutions	53
(d)	Out of Province Agencies	7
(e)	Private — with relative	341
	— with non-relative	37
(f)	Director and Children's Aid Society	—

10. (a) **No. of children in 1. adopted by two parents** 584
(b) **No. of children in 1. adopted by one parent** 11

11. (a) **Boys** 307 (b) **Girls** 288

B. Adopting Parents

12. (a) **Classification of adopting father in 10(a) by age:**

21-29	213	50-59	10
30-39	298	60-69	6
40-49	64	Not available	7

Average age of adopting father is 33 years 2 months.

(b) **Classification of adopting mother in 10(a) and (b) by age:**

20-29	287	50-59	7
30-39	269	60-69	3
40-49	29		

Average age of adopting mother is 30 years 9 months.

13. **Residence of adopting parents in 10(a) and (b):**

Annapolis	17	Kings	43
Antigonish	8	Lunenburg	35
Cape Breton	95	Pictou	26
Colchester	21	Queens	14
Cumberland	16	Richmond	10
Digby	16	Shelburne	9
Guysborough	10	Victoria	2
Halifax	197	Yarmouth	18
Hants	26	Out of Province	7
Inverness	25		

14. **Number of children in 1 adopted into families:**
(a) Owning a home 395 (b) Renting a home 200

(Cont'd)

(Table 6 continued)

15. Occupational classification of:

(a) **Adopting Fathers:**

Professional	82	Semi-skilled Tradesmen	17
Business	95	Labourers	55
Armed Services	55	Employed in Primary Industries	69
Skilled Tradesmen	193	Not available	29

(b) **Adopting Mothers:**

Housewife	331	Other	264

16. Classification of Income of families adopting children in 1:

Under to $ 7,000.	6
$ 7,000. to 7,999.	5
8,000. to 8,999.	10
9,000. to 9,999.	6
10,000. to 14,999.	78
15,000. to 19,999.	90
20,000. to 24,999.	100
25,000. to 29,999.	86
30,000. to 34,999.	77
35,000. to 39,999.	39
40,000. to 44,999.	16
45,000. to 49,999.	20
Over$50,000.	51
Not stated	11

Average income of families in 16. is $27,026.54

17. Religion of parents adopting in 1:

	Father	Mother
(a) Protestant	351	321
(b) Roman Catholic	198	230
(c) Other	38	41

Table 7

Day Care Services

April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984

	Private	*Registered*
Number of Applications received	52	2
Number of Centres licensed	38	2
Number of Centres closed	32	1
Number of Applications pending	12	2
Number of Licensed Centres	266	45
Full Day	79	45
Part Day	187	0
Total Number of Centres (Private & Registered)	311	
Licensed Capacity	5,320	2,553
Total Licensed Capacity (Private & Registered)	7,873	
Number of Visits to Day Care Facilities by Head Office Staff	267	135
Total Number of Visits (Private & Registered)	402	

Table 8

Day Care Services
Distribution of Centres and Spaces by Districts
March 31, 1984

	Cape Breton Region	Central Region	Halifax Region	North Shore Region	Western Region	Total
A. Registered Day Care Centres	9	4	24	5	3	45
No. of subsidized spaces	318	135	1162	150	95	1860
No. of non-subsidized spaces	96	102	356	99	40	693
B. Private Day Care Centres	39	43	119	42	23	266
No. of private spaces	780	860	2380	840	460	5320
C. Total no. of Day Care Centres	48	47	143	47	26	311
Total no. of day care spaces	1194	1097	3898	1089	595	7873

Table 9

Significant Achievements in Day Care

April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984

1. The Task Force established by the Minister of Social Services in December 1982 completed its report in July 1983. Following review by the Department and approval by Cabinet, major improvements in day care services were announced in October 1983 by the Minister of Social Services. These changes will take effect April 1984.

   Consequently, the Department of Social Services, Day Care Services, received an additional $824,000 to implement improvements to day care services as a result of the Task Force's recommendations.

2. The maximum per diem rate was increased in November 1983 by 5% to a maximum of $10.85 from the previous year (1982) of $10.25. The per diem rates are reviewed annually.

   Furthermore, the Task Force recommendation regarding the level of funding will increase the per diem by a further 80¢ on April 1, 1984 to $11.70, as well as provide a 40¢ per day equipment grant to the registered centres based on their occupancy of subsidized spaces.

3. Expenditures, Day Care Services, increased 11% from an actual expenditure in 1982-83 of $3,869,934 to an actual expenditure of $4,301,508 in 1983-84.

4. In 1984, there were 1,902 children enrolled in subsidized day care spaces, which is equal to 1,620 full-time eqivalent children.

   The 1984 figure is an increase of 225 over the 1983 figure of 1,777 children enrolled in subsidized day care spaces, which is a full-time equivalent figure of 1,514 children.

Table 10

Comparative Statistics for Training Schools

Year Ending March 31, 1984

	Nova Scotia School for Girls	Nova Scotia School for Boys	Total
1. (a) No. under care on April 1, 1983	47	69	116
(b) No. committed by Court during year	66	147	213
No. placed by Order of Minister	6	2	8
Total Admissions	72	149	221
(c) Total of (a) and (b)	119	218	337
(d) No. discharged during the year	81	116	197
(e) No. under care on March 31, 1984	38	102	140
(f) No. of Remands during period	37	72	109
2. No. committed during the year who were:			
8 years and 9 years	0	0	0
10 years and 11 years	0	0	0
12 years and 13 years	11	21	32
14 years and 15 years	57	114	171
16 years and over	4	12	16
3. Reasons for commitment			
(a) Offences against property and persons	35	106	141
(b) Truancy and Education Act	10	19	29
(c) Other (includes immorality unmanageability, vagrancy and children in need of protection)	27	24	51
4. Number of runaways during the year	47	36	83
5. Average stay in institution (days)			
(a) of those discharged during period	113	191	304
(b) of those under care at end of period	106	119	225
6. (a) No. of children cared for during period	119	149	268
(b) Total days care given to children	12,979	28,672	41,561
(c) Percentage of cost of maintenance paid from public funds during year	100	100	100

	Nova Scotia School for Girls	Nova Scotia School for Boys	Total
7. Capacity of institution	80	150	230
8. No. of persons on staff:			
(a) Supervisory	24	54	78
(b) Clerical and Stenographic	2	6	8
(c) Maintenance	8	16	24
(d) Teachers	6	12	18
TOTAL	40	88	128

Table 11

Family Court Statistics
Year Ending March 31, 1984

	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT							
Number of Children Brought Before the Court							
Believed to be in need of protection	12	2	286	22	23	17	12
Unmanageable while in care and custody Section 55	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Unmanageable while in the Charge of the Minister	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
Application for termination	2	2	4	12	5	1	3
Other	5	4	24	23	4	13	10
Total	19	8	318	59	32	31	25
Disposition re Children Brought Before the Court							
Adjourned under Section 49(1)(a)	0	0	124	3	5	5	0
Temporary care and custody Section 49(1)(a)(i)	15	0	2	5	0	0	0
Referral under Section 49(1)(a)(ii)	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
Dismissed under Section 49(1)(b)	0	2	18	2	1	0	0
Adjourned under Section 49(1)(c)(i)	1	5	36	0	1	3	1
Care and custody under Section 49(1)(c)(ii)	10	0	33	10	12	6	3
Adjourned Section 52(3)(a)	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Adjourned Section 52(3)(b)	0	0	15	0	1	0	0
Terminate care and custody Section 52(3)(c)	2	0	8	11	3	1	0
Application for termination dismissed 52(3)(d)	0	0	20	0	0	0	0
Others	8	1	54	28	11	15	23
Total - Dispositions Includes adjournments	35	8	318	59	30	31	27
General							
Actual number of parent-child(ren) unit actions initiated	19	4	226	47	22	3	9
Actual number of Hearings	35	4	249	47	21	3	9

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
320	8	13	48	7	21	7	16	35	4	48	901
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
18	0	4	1	0	16	0	0	4	0	5	77
60	6	36	3	3	9	3	0	71	0	129	403
410	14	53	52	10	47	10	16	110	4	183	1401
63	2	0	1	0	0	2	4	13	0	16	238
118	4	0	117	16	11	0	0	0	0	0	288
3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
31	1	0	5	0	4	0	8	9	0	15	96
35	3	38	0	1	11	3	4	4	4	9	159
57	1	6	29	6	12	2	0	6	0	9	202
6	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	19
0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	19
12	0	20	0	1	15	0	0	4	0	4	81
9	4	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	40
76	7	13	9	4	10	3	0	74	0	130	466
410	22	77	162	28	81	10	16	110	4	183	1611
172	10	23	52	10	47	7	7	110	4	183	955
406	12	24	167	28	50	7	7	109	4	182	1364

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Table 11 continued

	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
FAMILY MAINTENANCE ACT							
Number of Applications Commenced							
For Maintenance under Sections 3 and 9	44	47	854	82	140	80	22
For Maintenance under Section 11	13	24	280	50	70	11	4
For Maintenance under Section 15	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
For Custody and Access pursuant to Section 18(1)	34	34	214	28	116	18	12
To Change Order under Section 40(2)	16	2	79	41	63	22	0
Default Actions under Section 39	90	76	947	181	180	331	34
To Change Order under Section 36	19	19	190	66	86	35	14
Other	1	5	11	25	20	6	14
Total Number of Applications	217	207	2577	473	675	505	100
Total Number of Hearings	356	174	2939	473	456	254	82
MAINTENANCE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT ACT							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Application to Vary	0	2	0	0	7	0	0
Provincial	6	6	92	6	24	4	4
Confirming	2	4	17	2	4	3	1
Default Action	11	0	7	34	11	0	0
Rescinded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19	12	116	42	46	7	5
Total Number of Hearings	19	12	118	42	37	5	5
SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE ACT							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Consents Granted	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Consents Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages Performed	0	9	0	0	12	1	0
Total Number of Hearings	1	9	0	0	12	2	0

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
811	86	60	95	26	276	29	13	100	16	199	2980
292	37	30	5	1	60	7	4	11	4	9	912
72	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	81
370	3	50	53	19	167	8	5	1	8	1	1141
274	23	5	36	57	71	17	0	65	0	93	864
898	47	144	166	183	170	99	54	260	32	633	4525
401	23	23	34	26	150	8	10	28	1	66	1199
13	2	24	0	0	16	3	0	4	0	5	149
3131	222	336	389	312	910	171	86	471	61	1009	11851
3861	276	286	386	385	888	66	86	261	66	637	11932
10	2	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	27
94	13	9	12	6	23	1	0	4	2	10	316
25	1	6	3	1	12	0	0	0	1	4	86
69	5	1	15	7	8	0	0	0	3	0	171
0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
198	21	17	41	14	46	2	0	4	6	14	610
237	23	17	41	14	68	2	0	3	6	10	659
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
524	0	3	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	570
2	0	3	0	0	22	0	0	1	0	0	52

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Table 11 continued

	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
CRIMINAL CODE							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Section 168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section 197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section 666	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Section 245	1	10	143	2	5	3	1
Section 745	0	0	35	12	26	0	0
Section 746	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total	1	11	178	15	32	3	1
Total Number of Hearings	2	11	187	15	26	3	1
INFANTS CUSTODY ACT							
Number of Applications	1	7	3	0	3	0	6
Actual Number of Hearings	1	8	3	0	3	0	6
GENERAL							
Total Number of Hearings	414	218	3496	577	555	267	103

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
81	6	10	5	4	19	0	5	2	2	3	302
128	8	1	0	9	30	2	0	1	1	0	253
15	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
225	14	12	5	14	50	2	5	3	3	3	577
271	11	11	6	16	70	2	5	3	3	2	645
0	0	9	3	1	16	0	0	1	0	1	51
0	0	9	4	1	37	0	0	1	0	1	74
4777	322	350	604	444	1135	77	98	378	79	832	14726

Table 12

Young Persons Charged Under Juvenile Delinquents Act by Age, by County and by Sex

Fiscal Year 1983-1984

	AGE OF JUVENILES															
	Under 8 yr.	8 yr.	9 yr.	10 yr.	11 yr.	12 yr.	13 yr.	14 yr.	15 yr.	16 yr.	Over 16 yr.	Not Known	Total	Total Male	Total Female	No. of Hearings
Annapolis	—	—	—	1	1	2	6	9	10	7	—	—	36	30	6	80
Antigonish	—	—	—	3	2	3	2	2	13	3	—	—	28	21	7	29
Cape Breton	2	1	2	5	5	22	43	66	80	13	5	1	245	218	27	418
Colchester	—	—	—	—	1	1	15	20	24	12	2	—	75	67	8	109
Cumberland	1	—	—	—	1	6	13	33	25	4	3	—	88	71	17	106
Digby	—	—	—	—	1	1	8	5	9	3	—	—	27	24	3	48
Guysborough	—	—	1	—	2	3	4	11	12	5	—	—	38	33	5	42
Halifax	1	1	3	3	6	28	60	88	152	42	2	—	386	297	89	679
Inverness	—	—	—	—	1	5	2	7	14	7	1	—	37	29	8	41
Kings	—	—	—	1	3	7	12	12	17	5	—	—	57	46	11	129
Lunenburg	2	—	—	—	1	1	9	9	7	7	—	—	36	32	4	99
Pictou	—	—	4	—	11	15	28	40	56	11	1	—	166	126	40	219
Queens	—	—	—	1	—	1	8	8	9	—	—	—	27	21	6	44
Richmond	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	6	4	2	12
Shelburne	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	6	10	2	—	—	27	26	1	41
Victoria	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	4	—	—	—	10	6	4	21
Yarmouth	—	1	1	—	2	5	13	14	21	4	—	—	61	55	6	95
Not Known	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	7	2	—	—	—	15	12	3	322
Total	7	3	11	14	37	105	237	344	467	125	14	1	1365	1118	247	2234

THIS TABLE COUNTS THE NUMBER OF JUVENILES.

Table 13

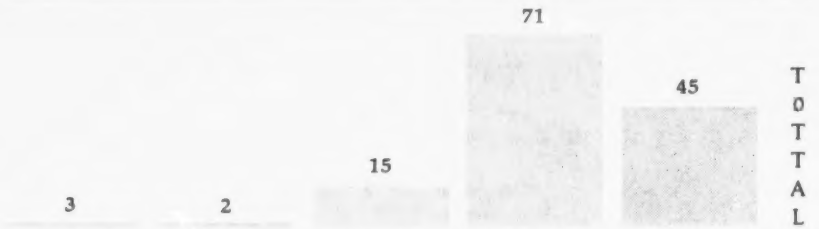
Family Court Statistics
Family Court Maintenance Orders and Collections
April 1, 1983 — March 31, 1984

	Cape Breton Region	Cape Breton Region	Halifax	Dartmouth
	Victoria & Cape Breton Counties	Richmond & Inverness Counties	(City of Halifax & County)	(City of Dartmouth & County)
(a) No. of cases where Court Order was issued	366	110	332	357
(b) No. of cases where Court Orders were discontinued	144	78	4	7
(c) No. of active Court Order cases at end of year	1598	192	1721	1467
(d) No. of Court Order Violations	1294	197	627	576
(e) Total collections from Court Orders during the year	$2,058,887.48	$311,345.80	$2,085,608.60	$2,466,648.02

	North Shore Region	North Shore Region	Central	Western Region	Total
	Cumberland County	Pictou Antigonish Guysborough Colchester	Kings Annapolis Lunenburg	Yarmouth Shelburne Digby Queens	
(a)	76	288	137	188	1854
(b)	27	80	181	101	672
(c)	367	1420	1006	857	8628
(d)	207	403	522	1508	5334
(e)	$462,016.28	$1,363,104.50	$1,212,526.87	$1,050,793.73	$11,010,931.28

Chart 1

Children in Child Caring Facilities
on March 31, 1984



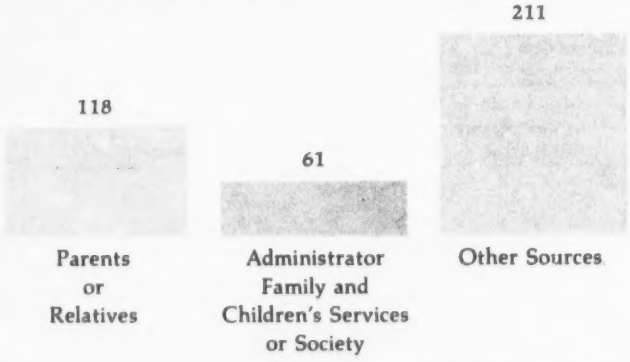
Girls 63

Boys 73

Non-Wards 41

Wards 95

During The Year 390 Were Admitted From:



During The Year 376 Were Discharged to:

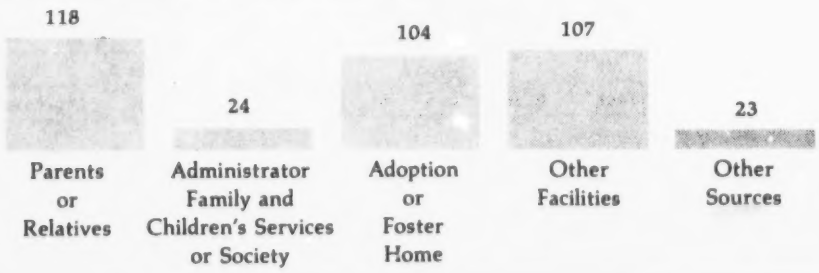
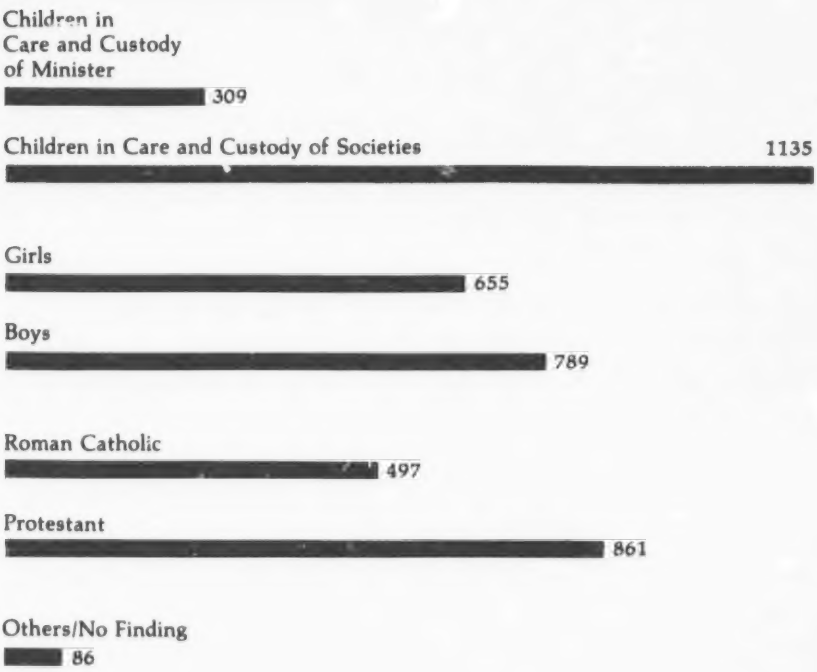


Chart 2

Children in Care and Custody in the Province
on March 31, 1984



What Ages?

Birth to 4 years — 114
5 to 9 years — 185
10 to 14 years — 368
15 to 18 years — 614
19 to 20 years — 163

Where Were They?

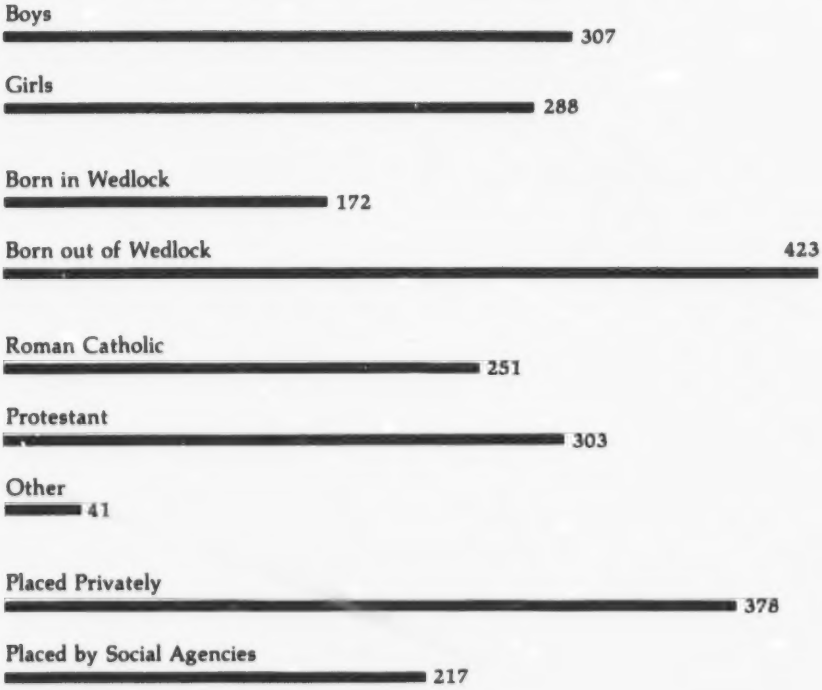
Foster Homes	947
Independent Living/ Boarding Homes	86
Adoption Probation	81
Free Home	7
Self Supporting	55
Own Parents	59
Child Caring Facilities	155*
Others	54

*See Table 1, 4(d) (e) (f) (g) (k) (l)

Chart 3

Adoptions
from April 1, to March 31, 1984

Total = 595



Average Completed Adoption

Child has been in home 2 years.
Mother was 30 years, 9 months.
Father was 33 years, 2 months.

Chart 4

Adoption Register Inquiries
(Includes Telephone, Letter and Personal Contacts)
April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984

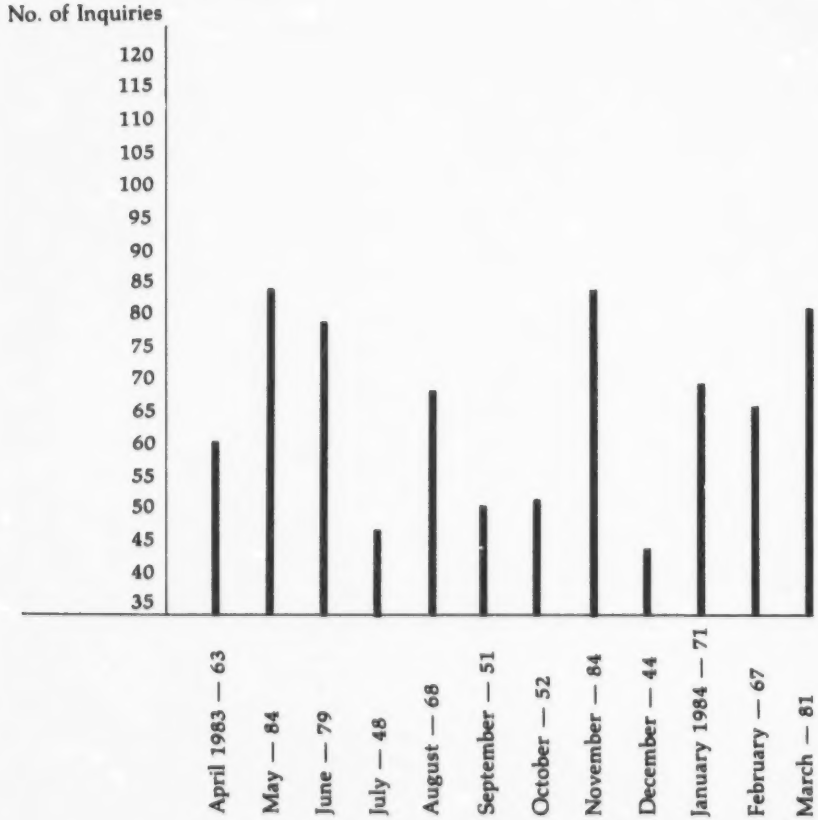
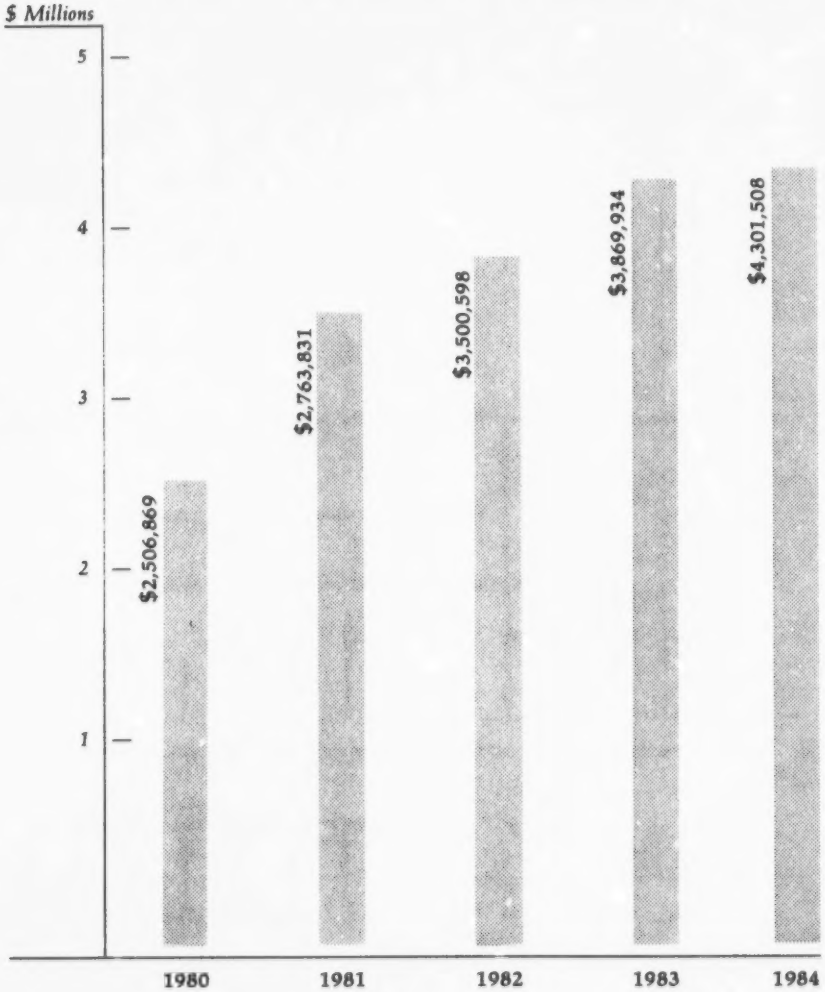


Chart 5

Day Care Expenditure



Social Services

Family Benefits Division

Ivor D. Hambling, Director

The Family Benefits Division, which was formed on April 1, 1979, is responsible for the administration of the following income support programs:

- Family Benefits
- Diabetic Assistance
- Family Benefits Pharmacare
- Senior Citizens Financial Aid
  - Special Social Assistance
  - Property Tax Rebate
  - Rental Assistance

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Act provides for financial payments to be made to individuals, or families who are in need and where the cause of need is likely to be of a prolonged nature (see Tables 14-18).

The groups of individuals and families who may apply for benefits are:

- *Aged* — People 65 years of age and over are not eligible to receive Federal Old Age Security (Canada) payments.
- *Disabled* — People who are 18 years of age and over, and have a major physical or mental impairment likely to be present for at least one year, which prevents participation in the regular labour market, and who are not eligible for Old Age Security (see Table 19).
- *Unemployable Women* — Women who are single, deserted, divorced or widowed, and are unemployable, and are 60 to 65 years of age.

- *Mothers* — Any mother with a dependent child or children in her care and custody and who is:

  (a) widowed
  (b) deserted
  (c) divorced
  (d) the wife of a man sentenced to two years, or longer, in a federal penitentiary
  (e) unmarried
  (f) the wife of a disabled man who is in hospital or a similar institution.
- *Foster Parent* — Individuals having in their care and custody a dependent child who is not being maintained by the natural parents. The maximum payment is $83 for the first child and $75 for each additional child up to $458 per month.
- *Disabled Fathers* — A father who is disabled and has a dependent child, or children, in his care and custody.

A dependent child is a person under the age of 18 years who is not employed and is dependent on his/her parent or parents for support. Benefits may be paid on behalf of a dependent child who is between the ages of 18 and 21 and is pursuing an educational program, provided the dependent child has reached Grade 9 by his/her eighteenth birthday. Where the child's parent is receiving benefits under Schedule 'A' of the Family Benefits Regulations, the benefits may continue on behalf of the child until age 25.

Payments

Family Benefit payments, with the exception of those made to foster parents, are determined on the basis of a needs test. This test compares the total of actual shelter costs (e.g., rent, mortgage, electricity and fuel) up to a maximum level depending on family size, and personal allowances for adults and children, with the income available to the individual or family. The difference is the Family Benefits entitlement. Payments are mailed at the end of each month and represent the entitlement for the following month. (Refer to Tables 16, 17, Charts 6, 7).

Assets

An individual granted Family Benefits as a disabled, an aged person or as an unemployable woman may have $3,000 in cash or liquid assets and still receive benefits if all other eligibility requirements have been met. When the disabled or aged person is married and living with his/her spouse, the assets are increased to $5,500.

If the eligible person is a mother with a dependent child, she may have cash or liquid assets of $2,500 and still receive benefits. A disabled father or a mother may also set up a trust fund for each dependent child and, provided the fund does not exceed $1,500, benefits may be paid. The trust fund may be used if approved by the Director of Family Benefits, to improve the education of the child beyond the high school level.

Work Incentives

A single disabled recipient of Family Benefits may earn, from employment, up to $100 per month without it affecting his/her monthly entitlement. Where there are gross wages of more than $100 per month, 75% of the excess wages are fully taken into account when calculating the monthly Family Benefits entitlement. The basic exemption of $100 is increased to $200 if the recipient is married and lives with his/her spouse. (Refer to Table 19.)

A single mother may also earn up to $200 per month without any reduction to her monthly entitlement. Gross wages of more than the basic exemption of $200 are taken into account at 75% when determining the monthly entitlement.

Administration

The Family Benefits program converted from a clerically administered program to a computer assisted administration in 1968. The computer program calculates the monthly entitlement, prints the monthly cheques, produces a cheque register, monthly and annual statistics, and provides a review cycle system for the regular assessment of the eligibility of recipients.

On June 1, 1978 the Family Benefits program became the first program to convert to the Department's computerized management information system which has as its base a departmental client index. This conversion changes batch turn-around from 30 days to one day, considerably enhancing the administration of the program while still retaining the original features. It also provides other features such as the identification of clients who are involved with other programs of the Department through the Client Index.

Regulations Schedules

Major changes to the Family Benefits program were put into effect on July 1, 1980 that necessitated the use of two schedules of regulations: Schedule 'A' and Schedule 'B'; the latter is used for all applications received after July 1, 1980 and for all recipients, in pay prior to that date, who are entitled to a better benefit than under Schedule 'A'. As of March 31, 1984, approximately 95% of recipients receive benefits under the provisions of Schedule 'B'.

Legislation Amendments

Two amendments were made to the Family Benefits Act during the 1983 Spring session of the House of Assembly.

The first amendment, which became effective September 1, 1983, allows the Director of Family Benefits to grant benefits to an unmarried mother with a dependent child in her care in extraordinary and compelling circumstances and when an adequate income from other sources is not available for support. The regulations define "income from other sources" as "earned and unearned income of the unmarried mother, father, paternal

and maternal grandparents of the child and municipal social assistance paid pursuant to Part II of the Social Assistance Act".

The second amendment to the Act defines the term "officer of the Department" and allows such an officer of the Department to have all the powers, duties, functions and immunities of the Director under the Act. Some exceptions are provided for in the regulations. This second amendment permits the decentralization of the decision making process of the Family Benefits program to be decentralized as and when required.

Effective September 1, 1983, amendments were made to the Family Benefits Regulations to provide additional benefits, not exceeding $200 per month, to cover the actual costs incurred by recipients who participate in a rehabilitation program. This provision applies to disabled individuals and to single mothers. These additional benefits coincide with, and complement, the implementation of a vocational rehabilitation program for single parents receiving Family Benefits — a program administered by the Rehabilitation and Community Services Division. (Refer to the report of that division for a more complete description of this new program.)

It is expected that the availability of the new vocational rehabilitation program and the additional Family Benefits funds help single parents become and remain financially independent.

Decentralization

The decision making function of the Family Benefits program for the Halifax/Dartmouth metro area was transferred to the Halifax Regional Office on December 5, 1983. A supervisor, a chief clerk and a secretary were transferred to administer the decentralized program. It is expected that the decentralization will improve the service to Family Benefits clients by bringing the decision making staff closer to both the Family Benefits social services workers and to the clients.

During the summer of 1984 the data entry process and the printing of data output are scheduled to begin at the Halifax Regional Office to provide more efficient delivery of the Family Benefits service.

Diabetic Assistance

On May 1, 1960, the Department of Health implemented a new program to provide medication and testing materials free of charge to diabetics whose annual income was $3,600 or less. The program was financed through health grants from the Government of Canada. On April 1, 1968, this program was transferred to the Department of Social Services and the test of eligibility changed from an income level to one of financial need. The change of eligibility enables diabetics with an income greater than $3,600 but with family responsibilities, to qualify for free medication and testing materials.

Diabetics who were receiving free medication prior to the transfer of the program and were unable to meet the needs test requirement continued to receive their medication with the cost being met 100% by the Department of Health. The income ceiling for those diabetics who remained the financial responsibility of the health department was

increased on February 1, 1974 to $4,800 per annum from the original $3,600. As of March 31, 1984 the Department of Health no longer has any financial involvement for any part of the diabetic assistance program.

Each diabetic is provided with an identity cared, to be presented to a pharmacy of choice, to obtain particular requirements. Pharmacies are reimbursed through Medical Services Insurance/Maritime Medical Care on behalf of the Department of Social Services. (Refer to Table 20.)

Pharmacare Program

On September 1, 1981, a Pharmacare program was introduced to provide free prescription drugs, prescribed ostomy equipment, and diabetic supplies such as disposable needles and testing materials for all disabled recipients of Family Benefits.

Individuals who are granted benefits because they are disabled are automatically provided with Pharmacare coverage. Those who receive Family Benefits because they are single parents, are required to demonstrate that they are disabled within the meaning of the Family Benefits Act and Regulations before becoming eligible for Pharmacare benefits.

Pharmacare benefits are not available to the spouse of a disabled person, nor are they available to the dependent child of disabled people or single parents. Residents of Homes for Special Care who receive Family Benefits are also ineligible to receive Pharmacare benefits.

An identification card is issued to each eligible recipient on the first day of every month. On presentation of this Pharmacare card, and a prescription prepared by a physician or dentist, to a Nova Scotia pharmacy, the Family Benefits recipient receives the prescribed medication. The pharmacy is reimbursed through Medical Services Insurance and Maritime Medical Care Inc.

The benefits of the Pharmacare program are identical to the benefits provided under the Senior Citizens Pharmacare program. (Refer to Table 21.)

Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs

During the spring of 1981, a Bill to replace Part IV of the Social Assistance Act was introduced. The Bill received assent on June 24, 1981 and is now Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1981 — The Senior Citizens Financial Aid Act. This Act provides for three separate financial aid programs for senior citizens:

Special Social Assistance. This program has been in effect since 1973 under the provisions of Part VI of the Social Assistance Act, and provides an annual lump sum payment to recipients of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to the Old Age Security pension. There are four levels of payment. The payment awarded to seniors depends on the level of their Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Property Tax Rebate. This program, was first introduced in the fall of 1980. It provides a rebate of 50% of residential property taxes paid by seniors who own, and regularly reside in, their own homes and who receive either a Guaranteed Income Supplement or a Spouse's Allowance.

Rental Assistance. This program, which became effective on April 1, 1981, provides a monthly assistance payment to seniors who rent their home and whose monthly rental payment exceeds 30% of their monthly income. Rental assistance is available to seniors who receive a Guaranteed Income Supplement, a Spouse's Allowance, or who are single and have an annual income of $9,800 or less. Maximum rent amounts are used for single people and for married couples when determining the level of a rental assistance payment. (Refer to Table 22.)

Table 14

Family Benefits Caseload by Categories

On March 31 of Each Year of Five-Year Period Ending March 31, 1984

	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Widows	1,128	1,100	1,044	938	874
Wives of Disabled Husbands	217	191	26	19	14
Disabled Persons	9,993	10,573	11,065	11,677	12,214
Wives of Prisoners	26	23	23	21	20
Deserted Wives	2,234	2,376	2,536	2,737	2,796
Foster Children	349	342	302	277	263
Unmarried Mothers	1,994	2,351	2,536	2,906	3,079
Divorced Mothers	1,253	1,433	1,480	1,605	1,693
Unemployable Women 50-65 Years, Single	92	79	78	78	86
Disabled Fathers	1,341	1,437	1,618	1,652	1,695
Aged	16	20	27	32	34

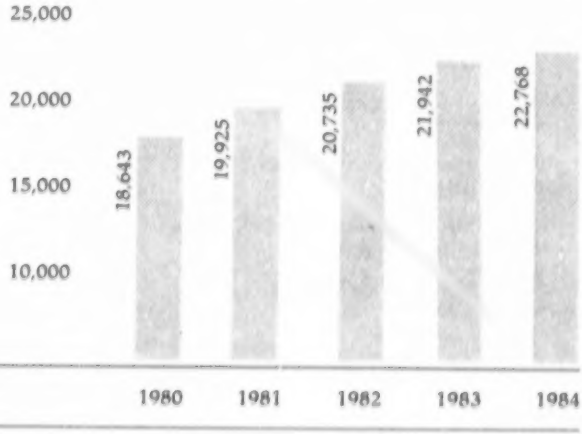


Table 15

Movement and Composition of Family Benefits Cases

	March 31, 1983	March 31, 1984
Number of Family Benefits recipients on		
(a) Widows	938	87
(b) Wives of Disabled Husbands	19	1
(c) Wives of Prisoners	21	2
(d) Deserted Mothers	2,737	2,79
(e) Divorced	1,605	1,69
(f) Unmarried Mothers	2,906	3,07
(g) Foster Children	277	26
(h) Disabled Persons	11,677	12,21
(i) Unemployable Women	78	8
(j) Aged	32	3
(k) Disabled Fathers	1,652	1,69
	21,942	22,76
Number of cases cancelled during the year	3,800	
Number of new and renewed cases granted during the year	3,805	
Number of children benefiting from Family Benefits	22,883	
Average number of children per case (families only)	1.92	
Total number of persons benefitting under the Family Benefits program	44,867	
Average monthly Family Benefits as of March 31, 1984	$371.34	

Table 16

Average Monthly Family Benefits Payments by Categories

On March 31 of Each Year of Five-Year Period Ending March 31, 1984

	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Widows	$283.12	$306.90	$318.02	$317.91	$342.24
Wives of Disabled Husbands	367.82	481.43	364.04	358.61	304.08
Disabled Persons	218.49	245.01	268.41	278.03	296.84
Wives of Prisoners	458.48	487.68	469.74	481.68	611.62
Deserted Wives	339.73	397.87	453.35	476.83	518.28
Foster Children	118.39	115.63	112.72	110.28	107.63
Unmarried Mothers	296.07	342.28	389.17	410.70	448.92
Divorced Mothers	339.75	391.78	431.81	459.89	504.93
Unemployable Women	201.03	220.18	252.01	262.87	273.57
Disabled Fathers	356.44	410.02	444.20	443.19	450.45
Aged	203.63	282.80	252.01	294.41	286.48

Table 17

Gross Family Benefits Expenditures by Categories

On March 31 of Each Year of Five-Year Period Ending March 31, 1984

	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Widows	$ 3,882,298	$ 4,053,125	$ 4,005,246	$ 3,483,237	$ 4,189,356
Wives of Disabled Husbands	1,047,566	986,254	299,085	78,592	74,310
Disabled Persons	25,792,391	28,444,064	32,945,727	41,173,761	44,003,700
Wives of Prisoners	113,278	131,996	125,756	132,522	135,551
Deserted Wives	8,815,099	10,377,620	12,589,363	13,508,271	15,509,001
Foster Children	512,195	435,701	438,512	348,966	419,812
Unmarried Mothers	6,654,446	8,466,672	10,517,734	11,878,149	13,097,954
Divorced Mothers	4,906,210	6,089,304	7,107,471	7,535,955	8,320,999
Unemployable Women	229,727	214,475	214,171	223,387	317,421
Disabled Fathers	5,603,809	6,519,399	8,087,245	8,022,791	10,704,191
Aged	40,170	64,630	87,604	102,180	148,380
	$57,597,189	$65,783,240	$76,417,914	$86,487,811	$96,920,675

Table 18

Family Benefits Caseload and Liability by Counties

March 1984

	Number of Allowances Paid	Monthly Liability
Annapolis	578	$ 210,544
Antigonish	411	142,312
Cape Breton	5,028	1,863,220
Colchester	977	369,731
Cumberland	1,223	412,798
Digby	687	238,072
Guysborough	374	132,583
Halifax	6,217	2,384,022
Hants	739	272,672
Inverness	738	238,154
Kings	1,241	461,934
Lunenburg	943	322,021
Pictou	1,416	531,510
Queens	318	107,842
Richmond	403	147,239
Shelburne	347	116,004
Victoria	200	68,742
Yarmouth	928	357,903
	22,768	$8,397,303

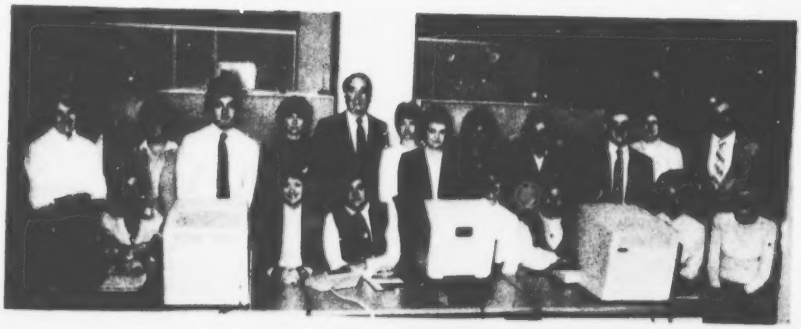


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Table 19

Nature of Disabilities in Respect to Disabled Persons Receiving Family Benefits

On March 31, 1984

Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	136
Cancer and Other Tumours	240
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Endocrine Glands, other General Diseases and Vitamin Deficiency Diseases	293
Diseases of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs	47
Chronic Poisoning, Intoxication, Psychoses, Neuroses	7,151
Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	399
Diseases of the Ear and Mastoid Process	86
Diseases of Circulatory System	1,809
Diseases of the Respiratory System	605
Diseases of the Digestive System	236
Diseases of the Urinary and Genital Systems (Non-Venereal)	64
Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperal State	4
Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue	28
Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Movement	1,947
Congenital Malformations	87
Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	8
Senility	4
Accidents	387
Undefined and Unknown Causes	22
Blindness	338

Table 20

Diabetic Assistance
No. of Recipients and Liability

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients at March 31, 1984	Liability
1980-81	1,147	$192,189
1981-82	754	$172,047
1982-83	680	$164,506
1983-84	620	$205,891

Table 21

Pharmacare
No. of Recipients and Liability

Fiscal Year	Name of Recipients at March 31, 1984	Liability
1981-82*	12,291	$1,518,949
1982-83	13,736	$3,363,038
1983-84	13,900	$4,519,498

*Program began September 1, 1981.

Table 22

Senior Citizens Financial Aid Program

Special Social Assistance

Fiscal Year	Levels of Payment	No. of Recipients	Total Payments
1977-78	150, 135, 100, 75	48,948	$ 6,492,520
1978-79	150, 135, 100, 75	51,827	$ 6,754,155
1979-80	162, 146, 100, 81	52,800	$ 7,504,742
1980-81	176, 159, 115, 88	53,409	$ 8,144,045
1981-82	198, 178, 132, 99	54,432	$ 9,281,113
1982-83	219, 197, 146, 109	56,286	$10,556,581
1983-84	219, 197, 146, 109	56,616	$10,449,038

Property Tax Rebate

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Total Payments
1980-81	21,074	$2,167,950
1981-82	21,297	$2,405,474
1982-83	20,135	$2,690,441
1983-84	18,967	$2,624,530

Rental Assistance

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients at March 31, 1984	Total Payments for Fiscal Year
1981-82	1,789	$ 902,221.27
1982-83	1,650	$ 940,008.00
1983-84	1,600	$1,083,174.24

Chart 6

Total Family Benefits Budget

March 31, 1980 to March 31, 1984

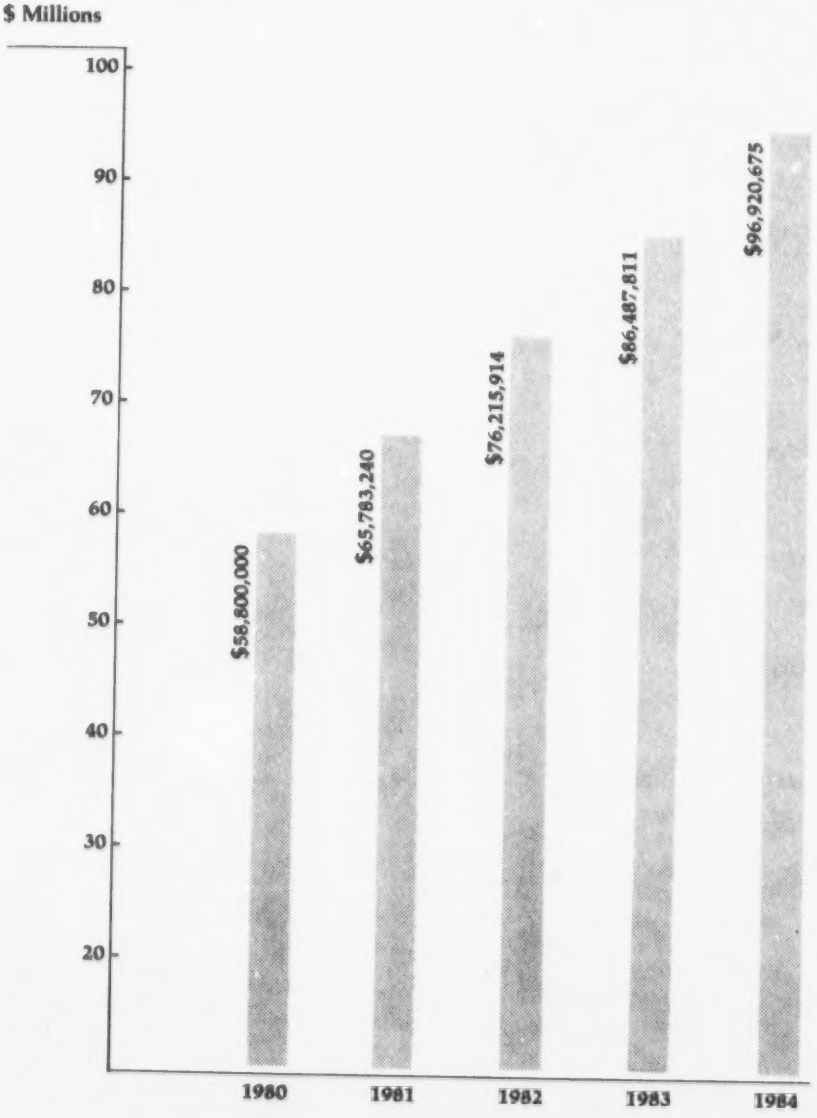
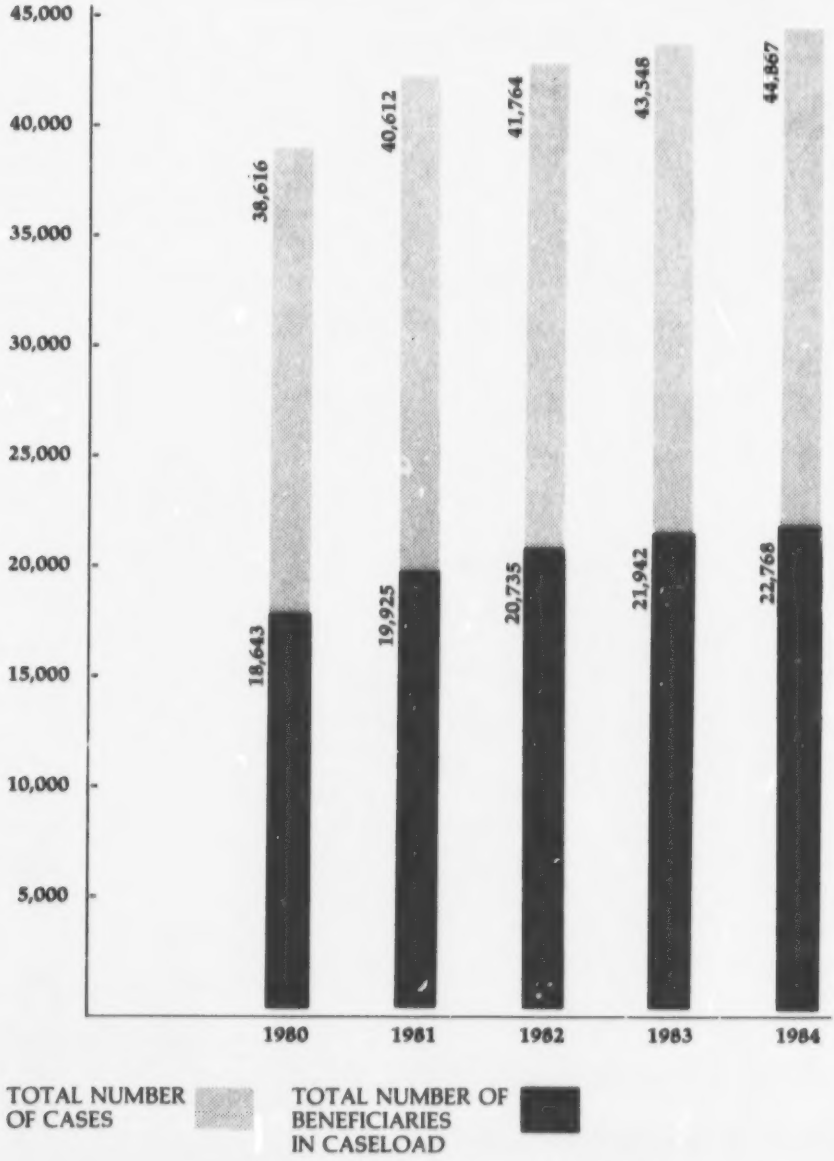


Chart 7

Family Benefits Recipients in Relation to Beneficiaries

1980 to 1984



Social Services

Rehabilitation and Community Services Division

James A. MacIsaac, M.S.W., Administrator

The Rehabilitation and Community Services Division is comprised of the following sections:

- Rehabilitation and Community Services
- Services to the Mentally Handicapped
- Municipal Social Services
- Classifications and Assessments.

The primary responsibility of this division is to see that a full range of rehabilitation services, financial income maintenance programs, Homes for Special Care, community-based residential options, vocational workshops and provincial facilities are provided for the socially, physically and mentally handicapped and for aged people.

The division is involved in the orderly development, maintenance and co-ordination of these social services programs. This involves setting standards and conducting program evaluations, consultation and inspection for licensing and ensuring that accurate assessments are made on all departmental clients. These services are provided under the authority of the Social Assistance Act, the Homes for Special Care Act, and the Federal-Provincial Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Agreement. (Refer to Tables 23, 24.)

Staff of Rehabilitation and Community Services.

Rehabilitation and Community Services

George H. Matthews, R.S.W. Director

Community Services

Adult Service Centres and Workshops

This year the workshops continued to expand their facilities and services. A major construction project was started in Sydney to build a new facility under the name of the Sydney Kinsmen Resource Centre. This project will amalgamate the Sydney Kinsmen Rehabilitation Workshop and the Sydney Adult Service Centre. The Department of Social Services made available a grant of $165,000 towards the cost of the construction of this centre. During the year, small grants besides operating grants were made to Atelier de Clare (Church Point), the Conway Workshop (Digby), Northside Adult Service Centre (Sydney Mines), Lakecity Industries (Dartmouth), J.O.B.S. (Truro), for the purpose of special equipment to improve the productivity at these centres.

Two workshops expanded their facilities during the year: the Conway Workshop and The Ark in Lower Branch. These expansions were made possible through Government of Canada grants. The CAMR Workshop in Antigonish also expanded its facilities through a grant from the Government of Canada and the Department of Social Services.

The J.O.B.S. Unlimited Workshop in Truro moved to new, larger facilities on the edge of the town, giving the shop greater visibility in the area.

The Department of Social Services on April, 1983 began cost sharing the cost of the operation of the Brass Tack Workshop in Glace Bay after an initial year of operating on a Canada Works Grant.

The Department of Social Services spent $1,980,943 on adult service centres and workshops during the fiscal year 1983-1984.

Work Activity Projects

The two work activity projects in Halifax and Dartmouth continued to operate during the year, providing training for individuals who were having difficulty finding or keeping a job. The program provides life skills training and experience in real work situations.

A third work activity project, sponsored by the South Shore Community Association in Chester, began during the year. Admission of participants to the project started in the last quarter of the fiscal year. This project deals with individuals who have multi-handicaps which currently prevent them from seeking or securing employment.

The Department of Social Services cost-shares the expenditures for these projects with the Federal Government on 50/50 basis. The total expended on work activity projects during the year ws $987,000.

Special Projects

Norma Lloyd, Supervisor

The 1983 Summer Programs had two new programs concerned with very special populations.

Two day camps were held in Dartmouth and Halifax for children classified as being autistic or having severe learning disabilities. Referrals were received from the Parents Association for Autistic Children, Atlantic Child Guidance, and Special Service Departments within the school systems. Children attended these day camps for a total of eight weeks and had a fun filled summer. Parents had a welcome relief from the demanding care of their children.

Another program was established for disabled young people still attending school. Referrals were received from the Dartmouth and Halifax school systems. A program co-ordinator was hired and positions were found to meet the abilities and interests of each young person. Twenty-two young people were involved with the program; they worked eight weeks at a variety of jobs — as playground supervisors, day care staff, stockboys, and with senior citizens, etc. Reports on their progress were forwarded to their teachers in September.

A new day camp for special children operated in the town of New Waterford. Referrals were received from Special Education teachers in the town school system.

Residential camps had new campers this year. Camp Hilles offered an enjoyable camping experience to 50 senior citizens, 65 years of age and over, from the Dartmouth and Sackville areas. The seniors were most appreciative and had an excellent camping experience.

Students were employed during the summer of 1983 in the following areas:

Residential Camps Camp Hilles, Canso, Alite Breagh	53
Day Camps Halifax & Dartmouth Special Halifax & Dartmouth Teen Halifax & Dartmouth Intermediate Sackville New Waterford	50
Counsellor in Training Program	22
Group Homes	9
Workshops for the Physically and Mentally Handicapped and Post Mentally Ill	30
Employment Opportunities for the Disabled	4
Employment Opportunities for Young Disabled Adults	21
Total Staff	189

As well, the Department of Development funded 150 positions for young people to work in the Department's regional and district offices, Homes for Special Care, Group Homes, Children's Training Centres and several special projects supported by the Department.

Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Disabled Persons

Ronald L'Esperance, B.A., M.Ed., Co-ordinator

Under the Federal-Provincial Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act and Agreement (VRDP), this program provides vocational assessment and planning services to disabled persons throughout the province. The VRDP Agreement establishes the definition of disability and the financial commitment in which the two levels of government participate.

The staff of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program work with the Department of Education and the Canada Employment & Immigration Commission (CEIC) to provide an individualized vocational plan for disabled people applying for service. Training for disabled individuals includes the usual range of options, from trades training to university education. Pre-vocational training and academic upgrading are provided when required.

Training allowances are paid to vocational rehabilitation clients attending a training program by either the Department of Education or CEIC. A medical or adaptive aid may be required to enable some disabled persons to participate in a training program. The Department of Social Services supplies the funds to meet the cost of these devices.

Some disabled persons require a period of work assessment to determine their aptitudes and ability to work. In these cases, a work assessment program is arranged by the vocational rehabilitation counsellor in concert with an employer who agrees to accept the disabled person in a

work setting for a period of time ranging from two weeks to three months. During this period, factors such as work habits, ability to follow directions, initiative, attendance, and potential for training and/or employment are assessed. Using this valuable information, the vocational rehabilitation counsellor in conjunction with the client can determine the best course of action for occupational or on-the-job training.

The primary objective of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Disabled Persons is to enable such individuals to become gainfully employed following a period of assessment, counselling, and training. As a result of the services, many disabled Nova Scotians are able to become employed and assume an independent lifestyle.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Single Parents

On September 1, 1983, the Rehabilitation and Community Services Division in concert with the Family Benefits Division introduced the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Single Parents receiving Family Benefits (see Table 25).

The objectives of this program are two-fold:

- to enable single parents to become gainfully employed either part-time or full-time following a period of assessment, counselling, and training or re-training if required.
- to enhance and augment their family management and parenting skills.

The primary emphasis is to enable single parents who are receiving Family Benefits to become financially independent of public social assistance.

The services provided under the auspices of this program include educational or vocational assessment or both, individual and group guidance and counselling, development of an individualized vocational and family management plan, assistance with training and employment placement, job stabilization and follow-up referral services.

To offset the additional costs, the single parent may incur while participating in an approved vocational training program, the Department of Social Services can provide a program support payment to a maximum of $200 per month, over and above the Family Benefits payment. This program support payment may be used for one or a combination of the following expenses:

- course tuition (non-university)
- approved transportation costs
- approved child care expenses
- items of special need (including clothing or other work-related expenses associated with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program).

The program is designed to complement the work incentive provisions within the Family Benefits Program and to augment, not duplicate, services that currently exist in the community for single parents. Participants of the program who become employed and who find that it is not working out for just cause within a six-month period may have their Family Benefits restored without a lengthy reapplication process.

Services to the Mentally Handicapped

Ross Thorpe, B.Ed., M.A., Director

This section is concerned with the delivery of residential services, and the development and coordination of other programs appropriate to the needs of the mentally handicapped. Mentally handicapped people include those who are intellectually or developmentally impaired and those who are functionally disabled as a result of mental illness or long-term institutionalization.

The services delivered come under two categories:

- services directly financed and managed by the Department (i.e., Children's Training Centres, Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, and a Foster Home Program for Mentally Handicapped Children)
- services of the organizations which operate with the guidance of the Department and whose operating costs are cost-shared by the Province (i.e., Adult Residential Centres, Community Residences, Palmeter's Nursing Home and Regional Rehabilitation Centres).

The Department works closely with voluntary organizations and municipalities to develop more comprehensive systems of service delivery so that each mentally handicapped person may become as fully integrated with the community as his/her disability will allow.

Future placement of mentally handicapped persons in institution will hopefully be limited to those individuals requiring a degree of programming, supervision or care which cannot be provided in smaller community residential situations.

Children's Services

William A. McCarron, B.A., M.S.W.
Co-ordinator of Services to the Mentally Handicapped

A mentally handicapping condition can range from very mild to very severe. As well, mental handicap may be accompanied by one or more forms of physical disability. Such physical disabilities also range from mild to severe. Thus, an array of services is required to meet the needs of children at various levels of functioning. This array of services also provides a progression through which the child can move.

These services include:

- residential placement, education and training at the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre (see Table 26)
- foster home care
- personal care and training in a Children's Training Centre (see Table 27)
- personal care and training in a Nursing Home.

Personal Care and Training in a Children's Training Centre

(Centre Locations — Dartmouth, Digby, Pictou, and Sydney)

Children's Training Centres are residential training facilities providing personal care and developmental training to severely mentally handicapped children. These children, for a variety of reasons, are unable to remain at home with their natural parents.

The goal of the Children's Training Centre is to have children learn basic life skills such as feeding, dressing, and toilet training, so that they can eventually return to their homes or to non-institutionalized settings. In pursuit of this goal, counselling staff at the Children's Training Centres carry out individual programs for each child in residence. As well, an academic teacher on the staff of each Children's Training Centre provides modified academic classroom instruction to the children. Each child is encouraged to develop to the fullest extent of his or her abilities. A number of children in the Children's Training Centres have progressed to the point where they can now attend special education classes in the regular school system on a day basis while living at the Children's Training Centre.

When a child is admitted to a Children's Training Centre, the parent or legal guardian of the child is required to sign a Voluntary Care Agreement, under the Children's Services Act. This agreement means that the parents maintain legal custody of their child and that the Department of Social Services through the Children's Training Centre agrees to provide the child with care and training for a period of one year. Parents are encouraged to remain actively involved in their child's training, initially by participating in long-term goal setting, and thereafter by maintaining frequent contact with their child by taking the child home on vacations and holidays and by visiting regularly. The Voluntary Care Agreement for one year may be renewed as required.

The Children's Training Centres also offer a service called respite care. This service is offered to families who are maintaining a severely mentally handicapped child at home. Respite care means that the Children's Training Centre will take such a child in for a weekend, a week, or some such short time period to give the family a break from the continual care such a child demands.

All admissions to the Children's Training Centres, whether regular or respite, are screened by an admissions committee. This committee gathers all necessary information on each child seeking admission and decides which program placement is in the child's best interests. (Refer to Table 27.)

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre

John A. Walker, M.S.W., Superintendent

The Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre is a provincial residential school, operated by the Department of Social Services for mildly and moderately handicapped children.

The primary purpose of the centre is to provide education and training so that these children will be better prepared for life in the community. All programs are planned to help students develop intellectually, socially, and

emotionally. Through education and training in all aspects of life skills, it is expected that the students will be able to live a life of happiness, usefulness and fulfillment in the community.

It is the policy of the Admissions Committee that, whenever possible, children should remain in their own homes and attend school in their local area. For social, educational and family reasons, however, it is not always possible for a child to benefit from community programs and it is for these reasons that the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre exists. The complex consists of five residences, an administrative building, a vocational services building, a swimming pool, a school, plus other assorted buildings and sport facilities. It is designed to accommodate 198 children. (Refer to Table 26.)

Foster Home Care

This program provides the child with an alternate home setting either on a temporary or permanent basis. A foster home placement is sometimes preferable to placing the child in an institutional facility. Most children placed in foster homes attend classes in local schools.

At the present time, a maximum of 35 children, ranging in age from six months to 18 years, can be accommodated in the Special Foster Care Program. The placement and supervision of the children in foster homes is the responsibility of two Social Service workers — one located in Truro and the other in Halifax.

The emphasis in this program is increasingly on helping children's agencies to arrange for the foster home and helping the cope with the special needs of the mentally handicapped children.

Foster Care Statistics

Children in foster homes as of March 31, 1984	21
Children admitted to foster care April 1, 1983 - March 31, 1984	2
Children discharged, April 1, 1983 - March 31, 1984	3
Active foster homes	11

Personal Care and Training in a Nursing Home

This level of care is reserved for mentally handicapped children requiring nursing care or very heavy personal care or both. As of March 31, 1984, 21 children resided in this setting. The emphasis in this unit is on nursing, personal care and developmental training.

Adult Institutional Services

Ken Jupp, Coordinator — Services for the Post-Mentally Ill

Adult institutional services for the mentally handicapped provide accommodation and programs for:

- individuals who have previously received treatment as psychiatric casualties, usually as in-patients of psychiatric facilities
- other mentally handicapped adults, many of whom have behaviour disorders or

- people with degenerative disorders, including the aged, who have additional behaviour problems that make them unsuitable for other placement alternatives.

These services are provided in two types of programs — Regional Rehabilitation Centres and Adult Residential Centres.

Regional Rehabilitation Centres

These are situated in Waterville, Kings County, for the western region; Sydney River, Cape Breton County, for people from Cape Breton Island; and at Cole Harbour, Halifax County, for people from the rest of mainland Nova Scotia.

These centres are intended to provide the most intensive level of rehabilitation and developmental programming for those with the highest potential to move on to less restrictive alternatives in the community. They have a level of staffing and expertise necessary to respond to people whose disordered behaviour represents severe management problems.

Regional Rehabilitiation Centres are operated by local levels of government under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act and are cost-shared 100% by the Department. Centres have a total current capacity of 380 persons. (See Table 28.)

Adult Residential Centres

These are situated at Sydney River, Mabou, Riverton, Pugwash. Beaverbank, Barrington, Yarmouth, Dayspring, and Bridgetown. They serve a second level of needs for individuals who are mentally handicapped, in particular, for those who require more stable longer-term living environments. Rehabilitation training and developmental programming form a significant, but less intensive, part of their services.

Adult Residential Centres continue to seek closer relationships with their neighbourhood communities and services, such as dentists, clinics, library services, sheltered workshops and job experience training. In many cases, these facilities are closely involved with local branches of advocacy organizations working for the mentally handicapped and play a major role in further developing public awareness of the needs of the mentally handicapped.

Adult Residential Centres can currently accommodate 835 mentally handicapped people and are operated by various municipalities, municipal corporations or private corporations. The Department reimburses municipalities two-thirds of the cost of services in these facilities.

Community Residential Services

Andre McConnell, B.A., M.S.W., Co-ordinator

Since 1969, when the first group home opened, the number of specialized community residences for mentally handicapped and physically disabled adults has grown to 31.

The breakdown is as follows:

Group homes for mentally handicapped persons	16
Developmental residences for mentally handicapped persons	9
Group homes for former psychiatric patients	5
Group homes for physically disabled persons	1
	31

These are all small residential facilities; most were family homes renovated to accommodate from six to ten residents. Programs vary according to the needs of the residents. All stress the development of basic life and community integration skills, necessary to help the individual to eventually live as independently as possible.

The residents normally work or take part in vocational and educational programs during the day. They are encouraged to use available community services and recreational facilities whenever possible. Funding is shared by the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

A number of community residential alternatives to institutional care, among which are group homes and developmental residences, continue to become available. In many parts of the Province, apartment living arrangements are another option in which two or more people share an apartment, with either live-in or drop-in supervision.

Other alternatives are community training homes operating in Kings and Digby counties. These provide an opportunity for individuals to live in households in the community with private citizens. The surrogate parents, or residential associates as they are called, are screened, trained and supervised by professional staff. The focus is on self-help skills and social adjustment for severely mentally handicapped individuals.

Many mentally handicapped adults are also accommodated in residential care facilities and foster homes under the auspices of municipal governments.

There is a movement toward grouping community residential services of all types under the auspices of a regional residential board. There are presently five such regional boards operating across the Province.

The pilot project for the provision of respite care, which began in January 1981, became an established program in July 1982. The main objective of this program is to provide occasional respite care for individuals living in the community and is intended to be utilized for emergencies, vacations and short breaks for the primary care provider. Except in extenuating circumstances, three weeks is recommended as the maximum annual stay for one person.

There is one group home for physically disabled adults, which is located in Halifax. This home provides living accommodations for six physically handicapped adults and is staffed on a full-time basis. The focus is to provide as independent a life-style as possible for each resident. Residents are expected to share responsibility for the running of the home and most plan to upgrade their education with the ultimate goal of employment. Through the experiences gained from living in the home many individuals have moved on to less structured settings in the community.

Classifications and Assessments

Malcolm R. McFarlane, Ph.D., Supervisor

The section ensures that policies and procedures are developed and followed with respect to classifications, assessments, admissions, readmissions and discharges relating to adult facilities licensed under the Homes for Special Care Act (see Tables 29, 30). It is also responsible for ensuring that, where appropriate, all applications for admission to these facilities are properly classified and that regular assessments are conducted on residents in these facilities.

The section also co-ordinates all information (social histories, psychological, educational, medical assessments, etc.) related to: applications for admission to the program for mentally handicapped children, the preparation of necessary documentation for the Admissions Committee, and implementation of the committee's decisions.

With respect to the Management Information System, the section is directly responsible for the resident maintenance function, which involves converting information on residents from a manual to a computer system and includes the continuous updating of information on these and new residents. At present, enhancements are being made to the residential facilities subsystem, including the client index.

For the fiscal year 1983-84, some 3,433 applications were received requesting classifications for admission/readmission to Homes for Special Care and/or reclassifications within homes. Forty-eight of these applications were subsequently cancelled while 115 of the remainder were not approved. The number of applications received for the previous fiscal year was 3,345 and for 1981-82 was 3,592.

The majority of submitted applications for 1983-84 originated from general hospitals (1,574), own homes (869) and psychiatric hospitals (300). In addition, there were 478 applications from within Homes for Special Care requesting reclassifications. Approximately 2,340 applications were classified or reclassified within Homes for the Aged. Moreover, Residential Care Facilities comprised 286, Licensed Nursing Homes 178, Regional Rehabilitation Centres 170, Adult Residential Centres 161 and Group Homes 105. Table 29 provides a statistical breakdown of the sources of referrals and types of approvals.

Municipal Social Services

Michael K. Johnston, M.S.W., Director

General Assistance and Administration

The Provincial Social Assistance Act (Part II) authorizes the municipal level of government to provide financial assistance on a cost-shared basis to people in need for a short time or to those who require supplementation to income that is insufficient to meet their needs.

A needs test is used to determine initial and ongoing eligibility and the amount of assistance required. Assistance payments are calculated by totalling the costs of items such as food, clothing, shelter, drugs, fuel, utilities, household supplies and personal requirements, and deducting from the total any financial resources which the municipality considers available for current maintenance.

The Act provides for the payment of maintenance costs on behalf of people in Homes for Special Care.

Each municipality must submit its policy on Social Assistance once a year, on September 15. Policy Statements must fall within the minimum requirements as stated in the Social Assistance Act, Regulations, and Provincial Policies. Each municipality establishes its own rates for food, shelter and clothing, subject to provincial approval. Besides providing financial assistance on an ongoing basis, municipalities may grant emergency assistance to cover urgent and immediate needs.

The Social Assistance Act provides for the sharing of general assistance costs at a minimum of 75% for all municipalities having organized Municipal Social Services departments which are approved by the Minister of Social Services. Provincial cost-sharing exceeds 75% in those units where the fiscal need is greater than the 75% minimum. Administration costs are also shared on the basis of this formula. (Refer to Tables 30-32, Charts 8,9.)

Homes for Special Care

Special care facilities throughout Nova Scotia provide supervisory, personal and nursing care for disabled and elderly Nova Scotians who are unable to live independently. Homes for Special Care include: 36 Homes for the Aged (3,507 beds), 22 Nursing Homes (1,639 beds), 61 Residential Care Facilities (1,030 beds), 12 Adult Residential Centres (862 beds), and 31 community-based Residential Facilities (382 beds), for a total of 7,740 residents.

All people being admitted to Homes for Special Care requiring public funds for care are classified though the Provincial Classification Committee, chaired by the Supervisor of Classifications and Assessments. (The composition and duties of this comittee are further described in the section of this report entitled *Classification and Assessments*.)

The admission procedure includes an application for social assistance, a budget sheet, a Social Service worker's report and a medical report to be completed by the applicant's personal physician. The completed Social Service worker's report and the medical report are submitted by the Municipal Social Services worker to the Department of Social Services for consideration. If the application is approved, the person may then be placed in an appropriate facility with the assurance that maintenance costs will be shared. When the application for admission to a Home for Special Care is disallowed, there are provisions for an appeal.

All facilities providing care and supervision are licensed under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act and Regulations. Standards are ensured in Homes for Special Care by inspections from provincial Social Services staff. Provincial staff responsible for the inspections and program

development have expertise in nursing care, dietetic services and the psychosocial needs of the residents. Special consultants from the Department of Housing and the Fire Marshal's Office are available to advise the Department of Social Services on technical matters relating to the construction and operation of these homes.

Per diem rates are set by the Rate Review Committee.

The Department conducts educational seminars regionally for the staff of these homes. The basic philosophy underlying these seminars is the concept of total care for residents. This implies an approach using available resources within the home and the community, to provide opportunities for residents to function to their fullest capacity.

The Provincial Government cost-shares with the municipalities at two-thirds of the net costs for people maintained in licensed Homes for Special Care. (Refer to Chart 9.)

A municipality, or two or more municipalities, may construct and operate homes under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act. The actual responsibility for their administration then rests with the local municipalities within the provisions of the Municipal Housing Corporation Act. Their by-laws must be approved by the Ministers of Social Services and Municipal Affairs.

All municipalities operating Homes for Special Care must appoint Boards of Management as stipulated in the legislation.

A Task Force on Homes for Special Care was set up in 1983 by the Minister of Social Services, Honourable Edmund L. Morris. The results of this Task Force will be made available in 1984.

Facilities opened during the 1983/84 fiscal year include Hillside Pines, a 50-bed Home for the Aged located in Bridgewater, and The Gables, an 85-bed Nursing Home located in Amherst. Rosedale, a 29-bed Home for the Aged located in New Germany, was constructed in 1983 and is due to open in May, 1984.

The following facilities have received approval and are in the planning stages:

- a 24-bed for the Aged, Arichat, Richmond Co., Cape Breton
- a 20-bed Nursing Home, Neils Harbour, Victoria Co., Cape Breton
- a 20-bed replacement Residential Care Facility, Glace Bay, Cape Breton
- a 16-bed extension for Annapolis Royal Nursing Home, Annapolis Royal
- a 25-bed extension for Harbour View Haven Home for the Aged, Lunenburg.

Dietetic Consultant Services

Training programs, organized in six regions of the Province, climaxed in an annual meeting of food service directors, dietetians and supervisors from all Special Care Facilities held in conjunction with the Associated Homes for Special Care.

During 1983, some 50 food service workers received certificates from the Associated Homes for Special Care and the Department of Social Services.

The Annual Cooks' Workshop for Day Care and Special Care Facilities cooks was held at the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, Truro. Fifty-two cooks attended and received certificates from the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology Continuing Education. A number have registered in the apprenticeship training programs.

In July 1983, a committee of food service directors representing all parts of the Province, and the various Homes, analysed food service management in Special Care Facilities. In 1984, this analysis will be used to develop short courses and reference manuals.

The Meals on Wheels — Wheels to Meals Directory was updated for 1983 and circulated to all municipalities and Homes for Special Care. A steadily increasing number of programs have been documented.

Consultant services were provided for the development of an Environmental Services Course to a working committee from Special Care Facilities. The program will be completed in time for the 1984 Annual Meeting of the Associated Homes for Special Care.

Direct Service continued to be provided to the four Children's Training Centres, Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, School for Boys and School for Girls, in developing the management of the food service and menu planning.

The Food Service Cost Survey was conducted once in 1983, with plans underway to expand to a second survey for 1984. Involvement in the food and nutrition network continues. The Departments of Education, Health, Fisheries, Consumer Affairs and Social Services are active members.

Participants in 1984 Cooks Workshop held at Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre.

Table 23

Sources and Types of Rehabilitation Cases Referred

1983-1984

Amputations	13
Spinal Cord Injuries	49
Arthritis, Rheumatism	54
Bone Impairment	101
Cerebral Palsy	23
Auditory	54
Visual	20
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	26
Neurological, Epilepsy, Polio	67
Respiratory	19
Cardiovascular	16
Mental Deficiency	146
Mental Illness or Disorder	165
Miscellaneous	86
Total New Cases Referred	839
Total Cases Carried Over	1083
Total Cases	1922

Services Provided	**Number**	**Cost**
Assessment: medical & vocational	103	$7,700.51
Technical aids	64	$19,654.74
Special training costs	35	$3,387.90
Family Benefits/Rehabilitation Fund	90	$34,350.51
Department of Education training costs (Department of Education VRDP expenditures)	258	($905,300.00)
Clients approved for training:		
Recommended	265	
Approved	258	
Entered	190	
Discontinued	37	
Completed	117	
Information from 648 cases closed:		
Number of cases closed — rehabilitated	363	
Number of cases closed — not rehabilitated	285	
Average age	27	
Average education (Grade)	8	
Number receiving Family Benefits or Municipal Assistance	280	
Field office and collateral counselling interviews	18,763	

Table 24

Housing Statistics 1983-84	Total
Number of Family Benefits housing repair cases finalized in 1983, and $ value	141 $590,169
Number of new units built under Rural and Native in 1983 and $ value	9 $449,000
Number of new units built since start of Rural and Native and $ value	216 $3,188,713
Number of units repaired under RRAP in 1983 and $ value	85 $546,839
Number of units repaired under NSHC's Small Loans Program and $ value	36 $153,487
Number of units receiving NSHC's Emergency Repair funds and $ value	13 $27,963
Number of units receiving assistance under Access-a-Home Program and $ value	5 $41,100
Number of referrals received that did not relate to housing	4,074
Number of day care assessments carried out in 1983	559
Community programs and various group involvement	20

Table 25

Vocational Rehabilitation Program For Single Parents Statistical Profile

March 31, 1984

	Central Region	Cape Breton Region	North Shore Region	Halifax Metro Region	Western Region
Average Age of Mother	24.2 yr.	25.4 yr.	23.7 yr.	25.9 yr.	28.1 yr.
Average Age of Children	4.74 yr.	6.1 yr.	6.4 yr.	6.4 yr.	8.4 yr.
Average Number of Children	1.49	1.51	1.42	1.54	1.42
Average Monthly Payment*	$120	$124	$125	$110	$117
Average Time to Employability	2 yr.	2.8 yr.	2.7 yr.	1.7 yr.	2.7 yr.
Total Number of Single Parents	38	82	98	167	83

TOTAL NUMBER IN PROGRAM: 468

*The average monthly payment represents the average reimbursement for actual costs incurred in undertaking Vocational Rehabilitation planning and is in addition to the regular Family Benefits payment.

Table 26

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre

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1. Children in school April 1, 1983	**Girls**	**Boys**	**Total**
	54	101	155
2. Admissions during year	**Girls**	**Boys**	**Total**
(a) As wards of C.A.S.	3	1	4
(b) As wards of director	1	0	1
(c) As non-wards	8	24	32
			37
3. Discharges during year	**Girls**	**Boys**	**Total**
(a) To own home	8	12	20
(b) Group home	5	1	6
(c) Foster home	2	1	3
(d) Institution	0	3	3
(e) Boarding home	1	2	3
			35
4. Children in school March 31, 1984	**Girls**	**Boys**	**Total**
	50	107	157
5. Total days care to all children			43,833
6. Classification of admissions (4) by religion	**Girls**	**Boys**	**Total**
(a) Protestant	8	16	24
(b) Roman Catholic	4	8	12
(c) Other	0	1	1
			37

7. Classification of admissions (4) by ages

Age	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Girls	—	—	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	—	12
Boys	2	5	1	4	6	2	2	2	1	—	25
Total	2	5	4	5	7	3	5	4	2	—	37

8. Classification of discharges (3) by ages

Age	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Girls	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	7	16
Boys	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	4	9	19
Total	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3	12	16	35

9. Classification of admissions (2) by I.Q.

I.Q.	25-29	30-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71-75	Total
Girls	1	1	—	4	2	—	1	—	2	1	12
Boys	1	1	3	3	—	4	5	7	—	1	25
Total	2	2	3	7	2	4	6	7	2	2	37

10. Classification of children in school (4) by I.Q.

I.Q.	20-25	26-29	30-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71-76	Total
Girls	2	4	1	2	13	4	5	7	4	3	5	50
Boys	—	6	6	9	10	7	17	9	20	11	12	107
Total	2	10	7	11	23	11	22	16	24	14	17	157

11. Classification of children (4) by ages

Age	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Girls	—	1	5	6	5	3	11	14	5	0	50
Boys	2	5	8	14	14	17	23	16	8	0	107
Total	2	6	13	20	19	20	34	30	13	0	157

12. Total cost of operation excluding capital expenditures and maintenance of buildings. Including adjustments for rents, meals and inventory adjustments $3,347,714.28

13. Number of child care days 1983-84 43,833

14. Per Diem rate $76.37

Table 27

Statistics for Children's Training Centres

April 1, 1983-March 31, 1984

	Dartmouth	Digby	Pictou	Sydney	Total
Admissions	4	0	1	2	7
Respite Care	3	3	10	11	27
DISCHARGES:					
Own Home	3	2	0	0	5
Foster Home	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre	0	2	0	0	2
Palmeters Nursing Care Unit	0	0	0	0	0
N.S. Hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	1	1	0	2	4
Transferred	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Facility	0	5	3	3	11
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Group Homes	0	0	1	0	1
Regional Rehabilitation Centre	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL DISCHARGES					24

Table 28

Statistics for Regional Rehabilitation Centres

April 1, 1983-March 31, 1984

Total in Residence as of April 1, 1983	361
Total Admissions — April 1, 1983-March 31, 1984	178
Discharges — April 1, 1983-March 31, 1984 to:	
Other Regional Rehabilitation Centres	5
Adult Residential Centres	11
Nursing Homes	5
Group Homes & Developmental Residences	14
Homes for the Aged	3
Residential Care Facilities	13
In Care of Their Family	25
Independent Living	26
Hospitals	61
Died	19
Total Discharges	182
Total in Residence as of March 31, 1984	357
Total Resident Days	128,604

Table 29

Persons Approved To and From Homes for Special Care

April 1, 1983-March 31, 1984

APPROVED FROM	Licensed Nursing Homes	Homes for Aged (P)	(N)	(S)	Residential Care Facilities
Own Home	34	392	177	67	102
General Hospitals	107	462	785	54	72
Nova Scotia Hospitals	6	24	11	10	50
Municipal Mental Hospitals	4	7	2	—	15
Homes for Aged	3	89	113	18	2
Licensed Nursing Homes	6	25	51	1	3
Residential Care Facilities	4	12	22	4	30
Regional Rehabilitation Centres	2	1	—	1	4
Adult Residential Centres	2	3	5	—	5
Dev. Residences	—	—	—	—	—
Group Homes	—	—	—	—	1
Foster Homes	—	—	—	—	—
N.S.Y.T.C.	—	—	—	—	—
C.T.C.	—	—	—	—	—
Other	10	1	3	—	2
TOTALS	178	1016	1169	155	286

RRC'S	ARC's	Gp. Homes	Dev. Residences	Foster Homes	TOTALS
22	29	44	2	—	869
36	44	12	2	—	1574
54	29	11	4	—	199
31	30	11	1	—	101
1	—	—	—	—	226
2	2	3	1	—	94
1	5	1	—	—	79
2	8	9	5	—	32
13	4	2	—	—	34
—	—	—	1	—	1
2	2	4	2	1	12
—	—	—	—	—	0
2	—	3	2	—	7
—	4	1	9	—	14
4	4	4	—	—	28
170	161	105	29	1	3270

*These figures include new approvals, approvals for re-admissions as well as approvals for reclassifications within Homes for Special Care.

Table 30

Homes for Special Care
Bed Statistics
February, 1984

County	Residential Care Facilities	
	Number	Beds
Annapolis	5	44
Antigonish	1	40
Cape Breton	10	133
Colchester	5	144
Cumberland	7	149
Digby	2	33
Guysborough	0	0
Halifax	11	181
Hants	3	28
Inverness	2	16
Kings	6	131
Lunenburg	3	36
Pictou	2	41
Queens	1	32
Richmond	1	12
Shelburne	2	22
Victoria	0	0
Yarmouth	1	19
GRAND TOTAL	62	1061

Nursing Homes		Homes for the Aged		Total	
Number	Beds	Number	Beds	Number	Beds
2	41	1	106	8	191
0	0	1	106	2	146
3	361	4	329	17	823
2	163	1	51	8	358
2	82	1	65	10	296
0	0	2	149	4	182
1	30	1	41	2	71
5	643	6	1094	22	1918
0	0	3	255	6	283
0	0	2	120	4	136
2	139	1	100	9	370
1	35	3	234	7	305
0	0	4	443	6	484
1	42	1	60	3	134
1	11	1	75	3	98
1	26	1	65	4	113
0	0	1	69	1	69
1	79	1	103	3	201
22	1652	35	3465	119	6178

Table 31

Municipal Assistance Payments Under The Social Assistance Act

Year	General Assistance	Privately Operated Homes for Special Care	Municipally Operated Homes for the Aged	Municipally and Privately Operated Adult Residential Centres
1978	13,130,867.28	9,977,770.73	11,286,056.02	5,245,969.38
1979	14,956,068.43	10,218,080.96	14,077,024.43	5,918,575.22
1980	17,272,991.41	11,479,548.94	16,276,877.34	6,710,022.94
1981	19,614,346.56	13,587,760.78	18,660,820.79	7,485,568.87
1982	23,337,681.71	16,130,856.53	22,409,294.37	8,937,622.55
1983-84	25,605,816.40	17,290,294.31	25,201,771.85	9,492,993.24

Table 32

Municipal Social Services Costs

Item	Gross Municipal Expenditure ($)	Federal Share Provincial Share ($)	Net Municipal Expenditure ($)
Administration	7,238,061.00	5,573,307.00	1,664,754.00
Assistance Payments by Municipal Units to People for Basic and Special Requirements	25,605,814.40	19,716,478.63	5,889,337.77
Maintenance of People in Municipally Operated Homes for the Aged	25,201,771.85	16,801,179.56	8,400,592.29
Nursing Homes	12,361,888.88	8,241,258.43	4,120,630.45
Maintenance of People in Privately Operated Residential Care Facilities	2,075,380.92	1,383,587.15	691,793.77
Maintenance of People in Municipally and Privately Operated Adult Residential Centres	9,492,993.24	6,328,661.53	3,164,331.71
Maintenance of People in Privately Operated Group and Developmental Homes	2,853,024.51	1,902,024.51	951,008.36

*All figures are for the period April 1, 1983-March 31, 1984 except for Administration which covers the period January 1, 1983-December 31, 1983.

Chart 8

Municipal Assistance to Persons in Need

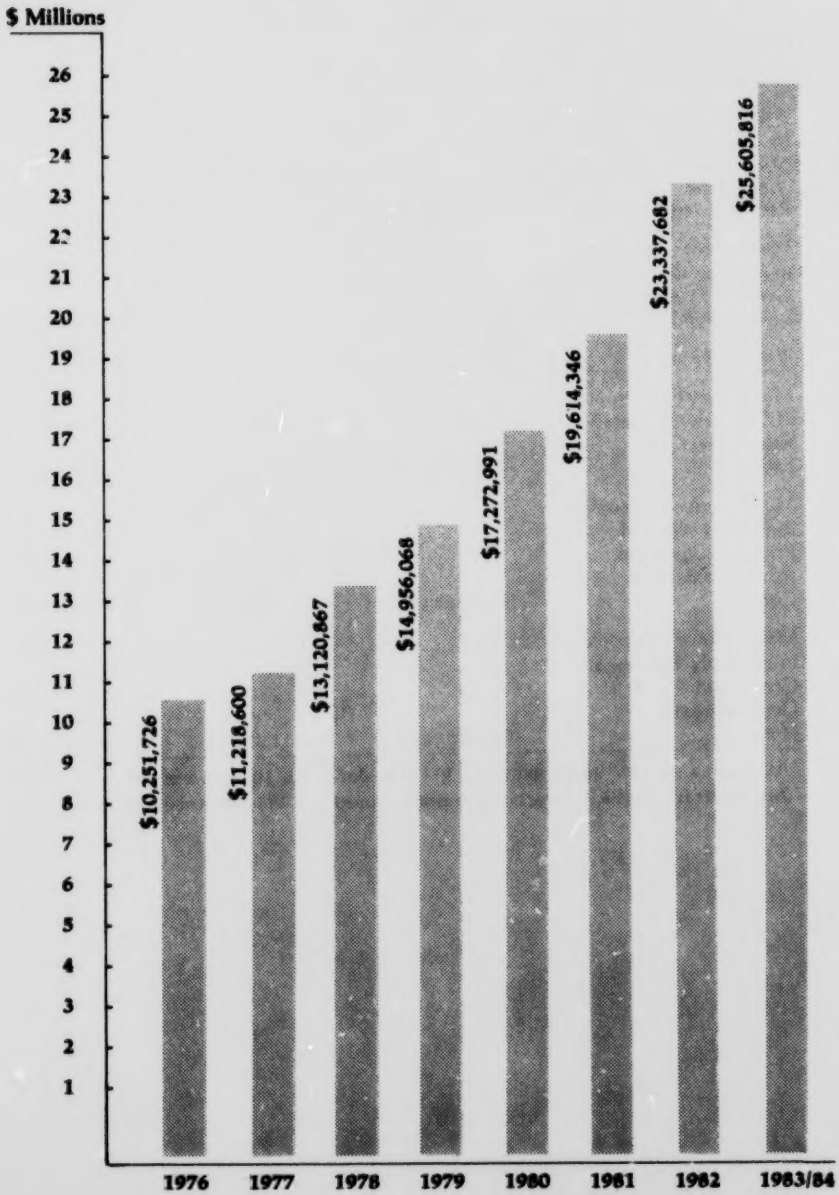
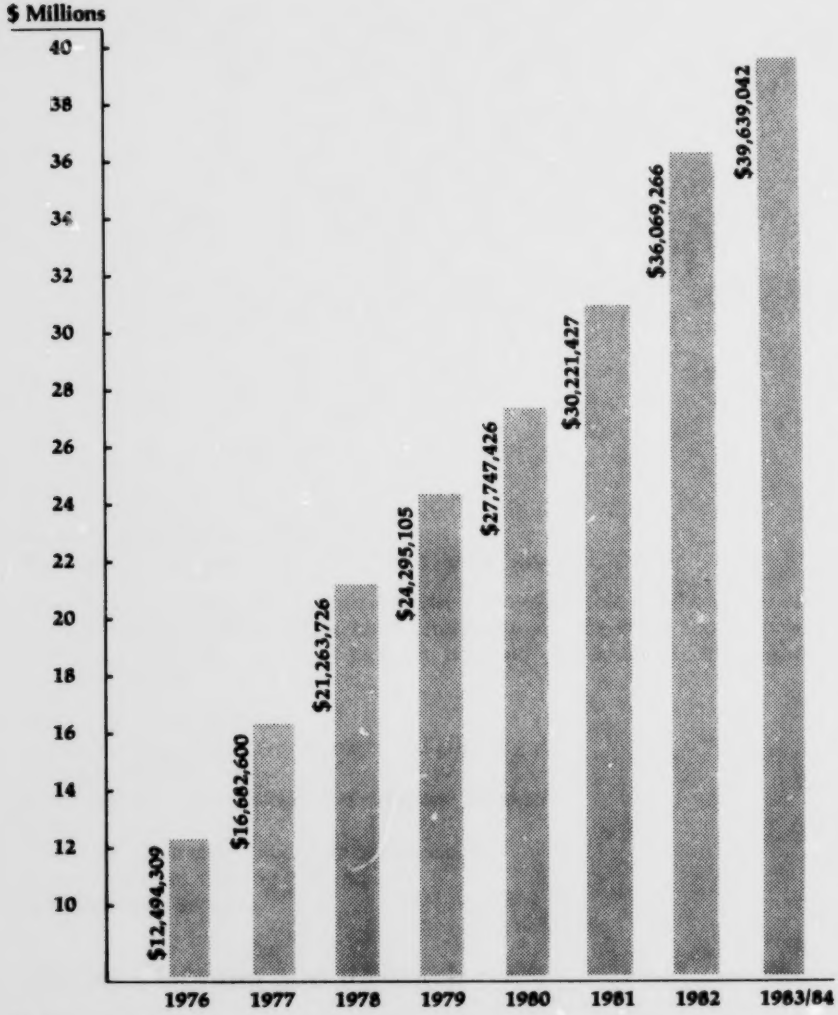


Chart 9

Homes For Special Care
(Nursing, Residential Care Facilities and Homes for the Aged)



NOTE: Adult Residential Centres, Group Homes and Developmental Residences are not included in these figures.

In 1983/84, cost sharing with municipalities began on a fiscal year basis, April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984.

Social Services

Policy Planning and Research Division

Bessie Harris, M.S.W., Director
Elizabeth McNaughton, M.S.W., M.A., Senior Research Officer

The Policy, Planning and Research Division is responsible for the operation of the Nova Scotia Senior Citizens Commission and the Nova Scotia Social Services Council. Its primary functions, however, can be divided into eight distinct areas:

- research and evaluation
- policy and program development and planning
- Indian Affairs
- management information and computer services
- library services
- federal/provincial relations and negotiations
- social services training programs
- information services.

Policy, Planning and Research

Staff in this section of the Division were extremely busy during 1983-84. Highlights of the year's activities are as follows:

Staff of Policy, Planning and Research.

- The Task Force on Day Care completed its report in June 1983 and submitted it to the Minister of Social Services in July.
- The Task Group on Homes for Special Care continued its work with a scheduled completion date of June 1984. As well as chairing the core task group, staff of the Division chaired two of the working groups or subcommittees: one on comforts allowance and the other on bed requirements.
- Work began in relation to the Young Offenders Act and increased as negotiations between the federal and provincial governments became more intense as the implementation date came closer. Responsibility for the negotiations and a series of related committees was undertaken by one of the Division's research officers.
- Staff members also represented the Department on other federal/provincial working groups, namely:
  - — the Continuing Committee on the Canada Assistance Plan and the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Agreement
  - — the study of a comprehensive disability protection program
  - — the group harmonizing the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement with provincial programs for the aged
  - — the group preparing an overview of selected government initiatives affecting unemployed employables.
- A consulting group on the disabled, an interdepartmental committee, was chaired by a divisional staff member. The mandate of the group was to examine the interface between the Canada Assistance Plan, the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act, and the recommendations of the Obstacles Report with respect to technical aids. A report is expected to be completed by June 1984.
- Involvement of the Division with the Family Benefits/Muncipal Social Assistance Integration Project continues. This project is operated

cooperatively with the City of Halifax Social Planning Department. The project focuses on the assessment, counselling and provision of support services to unmarried mothers. When the unmarried mother is transferred to Family Benefits, the worker originally assigned to the case continues with the service provision as well as with the administration of Family Benefits.

- During the year, the Division continued to be involved with other provincial government departments in assessing the impact of offshore oil and gas development. In January 1984, a social monitoring subcommittee of the Offshore Issue Group was established with the Department of Social Services as the lead department. This committee will be responsible for monitoring all social impacts of offshore development.
- The Division is currently evaluating two department projects — the decentralization of Family Benefits and the rehabilitation program for single parents.

Social Services Training Programs

Robert Haley, M.S.W., Chief Instructor

The Community Services Workers Course is a 10-month training program taught at the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology and sponsored through the Department of Social Services. The curriculum focuses on providing opportunities, experiences and options to handicapped individuals. The major emphasis is on the knowledge, attitude and skills required to work with the physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped, as well as youth conflict with the law. This course commenced in September 1977 and thus far has graduated 122 students, including 24 in June 1982.

The Personal Care Workers Course was introduced in September 1978 to provide the knowledge and skills required to care for residents in Homes for Special Care. This is a joint venture of the Associated Homes for Special Care and the Department of Social Services. It is co-ordinated through an advisory committee. During the past year, 222 individuals wrote the provincial examination. Since its inception in 1978, 1533 students have completed the course.

The planning of a Development Worker's Course for employees in Adult Residential Centres and Regional Rehabilitation Centres has been an on-going project for the last two years. A curriculum is now in the final stages of preparation and will be submitted for approval in 1984.

Library

Jane Phillips, M.L.S., Librarian

The Library provided varied services to a wide range of individuals last year. Students, in greater numbers than in past years, made particularly heavy use of special historical collection in the Library. Approximately 600 books were circulated from the general collection during the year: 400 to Department and social agency staff throughout the province and 200 to the general public, students, faculty, and other government departments. Through the Provincial Library, 61 items were borrowed from other

libraries on behalf of Department staff, and six books were loaned to other libraries within and outside the province.

Th Library produced two acquisition lists last year and updated and expanded the two existing subject booklists, *Day Care Services* and *Foster Care and Adoption*. These publications were distributed to Department staff and social agencies throughout the province and resulting requests for books from non-head office individuals were filled through the Library's book mailing service.

The Library received 84 individual periodical and newsletter titles, of which 40 were paid subscriptions. An average of 30 individual issues were circulated to head office staff each month.

Approximately 130 priced publications were ordered last year for the Library collection. The Library also ordered and catalogued 40 publications for the Social Services Training Program Library. Over 100 new Library books were catalogued and processed and 30 books from existing collection were recatalogued.

The Library began work on establishing an information resource centre on voluntarism for the province. This was in response to one of the recommendations contained in the *Report on Voluntarism in Nova Scotia* prepared by the Nova Scotia Social Services Council in 1980. The purpose of this information resource centre is to make available to volunteer organizations which provide a social service in the province, publications on recruitment, training and use of volunteers, and the development, co-ordination and evaluation of volunteer programs. Last year, 55 publications were purchased for this special collection with a grant made to the departmental Library through the Nova Scotia Social Services Council from the Minister of Social Services. Once this collection is catalogued and processed, it will be housed in the Library and made available to all interested volunteer agencies in the province.

Information Services

In the absence of an information officer, staff of the Division assumed responsibility for a number of information activities. Continued assistance was provided by staff of the Department of Government Services, Creative Services and Publishing divisions.

Some of the noteworthy information activities were:

- a proposal for the funding of a media campaign on child abuse to Health and Welfare Canada. Approval was received in March 1984 and preparations begun for the campaign which is expected to be underway in the Fall of 1984.
- campaigns and displays for Foster Parent Week, Senior Citizens Week and the Nova Scotia Conference on Aging and the Aged
- production of the Department's annual report
- development of a pamphlet for residents of Homes for Special Care and their families
- co-ordination of report production for the Retirement Age Study of the Nova Scotia Senior Citizens Commission and the Discussion Paper on Aging and the Aged for the Nova Scotia Senior Citizens Secretariat.

Premier John Buchanan signing a proclamation designating June 17-23 Senior Citizens' Week in Nova Scotia.

Management Information and Computer Services

Tom Conrad, B.Sc., Co-ordinator

Nine years have passed since the Department established an objective to utilize computer technology "to have readily available integrated information on welfare programs and services." Most of the progress during this time has been in the implementation of batch systems to support financial assistance programs. Recent years, however, have seen the beginnings of the multi-year plan to implement a province-wide computer communication network. During 1983-84 this network expanded to include computer equipment in the Halifax Regional Office and the acquisition of equipment for the Cape Breton Regional Office. By March 31, 1984, the Department had installed 50 computer terminals, a sizeable increase from the 4 terminals installed three years earlier.

Computer Communications Network

This computer communication network has been, and will continue to be, the building block from which the Department will restructure the delivery of social service programs to Nova Scotians. The readily available access to information throughout the province via electronic speeds and precision accuracy has created a situation where staff are not only becoming comfortable with the new equipment but are demanding that more functions and services be made available.

Decentralization of Decision Making

Of major significance to the Department during 1983-84 was the move to decentralize decision making. The Department's centralized Family Benefits was chosen as the pilot for decentralization because it is the largest and most costly program (some 23,800 monthly recipients), is visible to the public, and has an extensive computerized data base from which to build.

In September 1983, computer equipment was moved into the Halifax Regional Office and field staff began to learn how the equipment worked and to use it on a test basis while the systems and programs were being completed. Very quickly staff became conversant with and reliant on the new tools being place at their disposal. On December 4, approximately 5,500 Family Benefits files were transferred from head office to the Halifax Regional Office, along with three head office staff.

User Help Desk

As part of the process of decentralizing decision making and constructing a communications network, the Department has assembled and trained a team to support the activities of users located in remote locations. This centralized facility, known as the User Help Desk, consists of trained staff located in Halifax, armed with a telephone and computer terminal, and with access to skilled resources necessary to resolve problems as they occur throughout the network. With the increasing number of terminals, users and new applications being added each year, and the level of service expected, it became necessary to implement a single resource of all information related to the operation of the network and services. Through a single telephone number users now provide information on problem situations being experienced about the province. The User Help Desk personnel, experienced in extracting vital information from users often frustrated by a problem with a terminal or computer function, are responsible for the rapid resolution of problems. In some cases it may require positive action by another resource available to the User Help Desk, be it a computer operator, computer programmer or service technician. In all cases, the User Help Desk maintains logs and records of all incidents.

As the size and complexity of network services continue to expand, support services such as the User Help Desk will become increasingly important. For this reason, the logs of the User Help Desk are being analysed to enable staff to provide better service. These analyses will indicate trends such as recurring problems by machine and user, over- and under-utilization of support resources, and a need for further training and retraining of support staff and users.

Client Index Enhancement Project

In 1977-78 the Department of Social Services, with the help of Systemhouse Limited, designed and implemented the first automated Social Services Client Index in Canada. This batch system, which performed well as the central registry of client involvements with departmental programs and services, did not, however, operate in the decentralized direction of the Department is now moving. The Alberta Department of Social Services

and Community Health had redeveloped the client index using on-line communication techniques. This project was also undertaken with the help of the Systemhouse team that developed the Nova Scotia Index and made substantial improvements to the functions and capabilities of the software. As have a number of other social services departments in Canada and the United States (Saskatchewan, Yukon, Alaska, North Dakota and Idaho), Nova Scotia has taken the Alberta client index and adapted it to its own situation. Following some further modification, functional enhancements and data file conversion, the new on-line index became operational for recipient clients in October of 1983. The final implementation phase, which includes the recording of dependents on the index, will be completed during 1984.

Statistical Analysis

The Department significantly increased its ability to statistically analyze data stored in the integrated data base. This was made possible by the acquisition of the software tool SAS (Statistical Analysis System). SAS is one of the leading statistic packages worldwide and in addition to its increased functionality and ease of use, it replaces three other outmoded computer tools used within the Department for various data manipulation tasks.

Security

The Nova Scotia Government undertook a large project to protect its computing environment from access by unauthorized users. The Department of Social Services now uses one of the leading Access Control Facility (ACF2) software products available today. This security feature, installed on the Department's IBM 4341 central computer, protects all computer information from attempted access or updating by people not so authorized. To co-ordinate and develop policies in the security and data access area the Department set up a seminar management committee to deal with these issues and appointed an existing staff member to function as security co-ordinator.

Documentation

A long-standing problem is the preparation and regular updating of documentation which describes the use of tools and procedures necessary to perform a job function. During the past year, the Department made a significant improvement in documentation control by installing an interactive documentation manager that is integrated with the library of computer programs containing over one million lines of code. With a simple command on a terminal, a user or programmer can enquire as to where, how and by what computer function an element of information such as payment amount can be updated in the computer. This facility, simple because it is more readily available, means documentation is less reluctantly maintained by staff and thus provides for a more maintainable and reliable computer service to users.

Family and Children's Services Project

During late 1983-84, a prototype project was initiated by the Family and Children Services Division to gain experience with the on-line client index system. The project is designed to determine the extent to which the index is useful in tracking the progress of children in care and custody through the system. The index will hopefully provide for much of the information needs of the Division, with new record keeping subsystems being developed under the umbrella of the client index.

Young Offenders Project

With proclamation of the new Young Offenders Act in the Spring of 1984, the Department has been preparing for development of an information system necessary to comply with the record keeping and record destruction provisions of the Act. In a joint effort between Social Services and the Department of the Attorney General, an automated system will be evaluated, designed and implemented in the future. A proposal for funding has been submitted to the Solicitor General Canada. Pending approval of this proposal by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics and the Solicitor General Canada, the feasibility study is expected to begin during the Summer of 1984.

Indian Affairs

Allan Clark, B.P.E., Co-Ordinator

The Native population of Nova Scotia is represented by two major organizations in the Province: the Union of Nova Scotia Indians with a population base of approximately 6,305 status Indians of whom 4,677 live on reserves, and the Native Council of Nova Scotia with a population base of approximately 1,760 non-status Indians of whom 605 are Metis. A third group, the Nova Scotia Native Women's Organization, represents the interests of status and non-status women.

In March 1984, a delegation headed by the Honourable John Buchanan, Premier, attended the 2nd Constitutional Conference in Ottawa. Prior to the Conference, the Nova Scotia Government had ongoing meetings with the Native Council of Nova Scotia, and the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association to discuss constitutional issues which are agreed to in March 1983 with the signing of the Constitutional Accord. Meetings were also held with the Union of Nova Scotia Indians under the Tripartite Committee mechanism which was established in 1969. The focus of these meetings was to examine and/or resolve issues and difficulties of concern to the Province's status Indians. A similar mechanism for discussion and problem-solving was established between the provincial government and the Native Council of Nova Scotia.

In addition to constitutional related discussions a proposal for the development of an Indian Family and Children's Service agency has become a major focus of discussion with the Union of Nova Scotia Indians and the federal government. This proposal is now being finalized by both levels of governments andd the Native communities.

Social Services

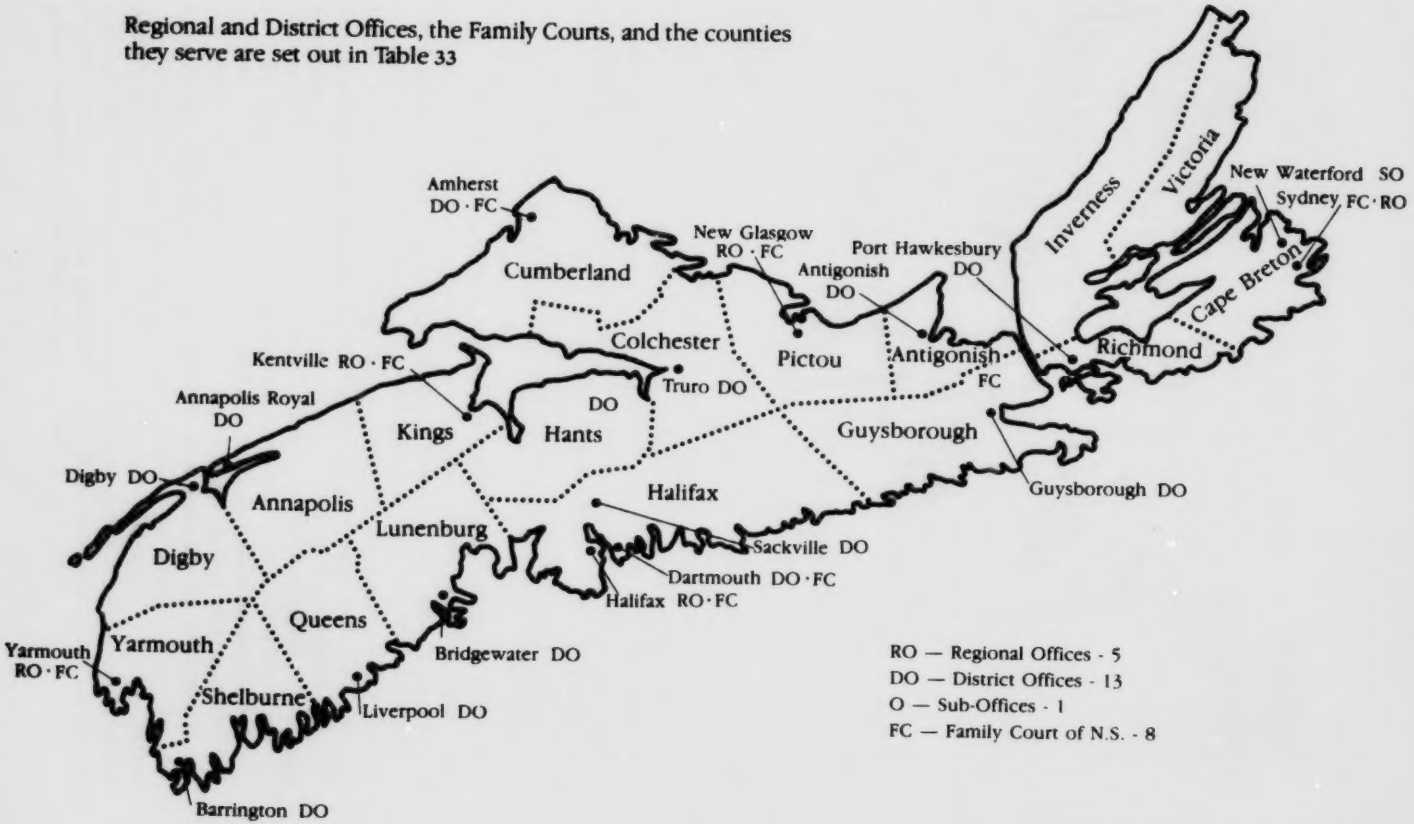
Field Services and Personnel Division

J.A. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Director

The Field Services and Personnel Division, established in 1978, is responsible for:

- providing Personnel Services for the total staff of the Department
- providing Psychological Services
- managing all regional and district offices and Family Court locations. This includes delivery of the following service to clients of the Department at the Field Office level:
  - — financial assistance — Family Benefits and Municipal Social Services in certain areas
  - — rehabilitation services
  - — family and children's services in certain areas
  - — special protection services for children
  - — adult services in the Family Court
  - — community service projects in certain areas.

Regional and District Offices, the Family Courts, and the counties they serve are set out in Table 33



Staff of Field Services & Personnel.

Personnel Services Section

Florence Daniels, Personnel Manager

As of March 31, 1984, there were 857 staff members in the Department of Social Services, including the 287 staff located in field offices (see Table 33 and 34).

The Personnel Services Section, under the direction of the Director of Field Services and Personnel, provides a comprehensive program of personnel services to the total Department. This includes:

- recruitment, selection, and placement of all staff
- co-ordination of personnel services and procedures for the total staff of the Department including a centralized personnel system providing salary and wage administration, personnel record control, performance appraisal and related services
- consultation to the Minister, Deputy Minister, and Divisional Heads in all matters related to personnel.

The Personnel Services Section continues to promote an Affirmative Action Program in hiring, especially as it relates to employment of the disabled. The program has been established to ensure that affirmative action candidates are given equal opportunity to compete for any position for which they are qualified. During the past fiscal year, 20 affirmative action candidates were successful in employment competitions.

Psychological Services

Psychological Services, as in the past, continued to provide both testing and counselling services within the Department of Social Services and to various private agencies.

The testing component of this service utilizes a variety of standard assessment tools to measure intellectual potential, language skills, academic levels, perceptual skills, social development and employment aptitudes/interests. The specific tests administered by the Psychological Technicians depend upon the type of request received. The clientele referred for assessment range in age from six months to senior adulthood.

As in previous years, there was again a notable increase in the demand for testing services from the Rehabilitation and Community Services Division. With the expansion of rehabilitation services, these demands are expected to continue to grow.

The Co-ordinator continued to administer all programs under Psychological Services. In addition, the Co-ordinator acted as a consultant at the Nova Scotia School for Boys on a weekly basis and at the Nova Scotia School for Girls as requested. Counselling and consultative services were also provided by the Co-ordinator to various departmental divisions and private agencies upon request.

In summary, Psychological Services continued to provide specialized assessments and consultative services contingent upon specific needs, utilizing new test tools and a variety of test batteries in order to continue to upgrade the service and meet the specific demands of the clientele it serves.

Cape Breton Regional Office — Sydney

Cyril Reddy, Regional Administrator
Mary MacPherson, R.S.W., Assistant Regional Administrator

The Cape Breton Regional Office is located in the Provincial Building on Prince Street, Sydney, with sub-offices in Whitney Pier, New Waterford and Sydney Mines.

The area serviced by the staff of the Cape Breton Regional Office for the most part encompasses the Counties of Cape Breton and Victoria with a combined population of 140,000. The Rehabilitation Staff, Co-ordinator of Homes for Special Care, and Co-ordinator of Services to the Mentally Handicapped provide service in all four counties located on Cape Breton Island.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program, operating from the regional office, provides service to clients located in Cape Breton and Victoria counties and the northern portion of Inverness County. A staff complement of 13 field workers and a clerical staff of three are engaged in this program under the direction of the Co-ordinator of Financial Programs.

Family Benefits recipients in all categories presently number 6,209, an increase of almost 5% over the previous year. Requests for assistance have increased by 14% over the fiscal year 1982-83.

Regional Offices

Cape Breton Region

OFFICES

Cape Breton Regional	—	Sydney
Port Hawkesbury District Office	—	Port Hawkesbury
New Waterford Sub-Office	—	New Waterford
Family Court	—	Sydney

Municipal Social Service Program

The Municipal Social Service Program provides consultation to all Municipal Social Service Units on Cape Breton Island through the Co-ordinator of Financial Aid Programs. A regional policy approved by all municipal units on Cape Breton Island ensures the delivery of a quality Municipal Social Service Program.

Contractual agreements exist between the Department of Social Services and the Municipalities of North Sydney, Sydney Mines and the Town of Dominion to provide Municipal Social Service Programs in those areas. The staff are employees of the Department of Social Services; however, the responsibility for policy rests with the respective municipal units.

Rehabilitation Services Section

The Rehabilitation Services Section provides vocational counselling to mentally, physically and vocationally handicapped adults residing on Cape Breton Island. Despite an adverse employment climate in the region, 37% of the clientele served were able, with the assistance of three rehabilitation staff, to find employment. In October 1983, services were expanded to include counselling to single parents who were receiving Family Benefits. An additional Social Service worker was added to the staff of the regional office. From October 1983 to the end of March 1984, approximately 85 single parents indicated their desire to become involved in the program and 62 completed applications. The Social Service worker helps these single parents (those who show potential and for whom it is practical), to overcome the barriers that are preventing them from becoming employed.

Community Service Program

The Community Service Program, with one supervisor and two staff working out of New Waterford, Sydney Mines and Whitney Pier, help individuals and groups upgrade their housing standards. They also help place children in subsidized day care centres in industrial Cape Breton. As of March 31, 1984, 300 children in the industrial area of Cape Breton were included in this program.

Homes for Special Care

The Regional Co-ordinator, Homes for Special Care, monitored the standard of care received by the 1,401 residents in the 33 Homes for Special Care located on Cape Breton Island. This employee prepared all recommendations in relation to the licensing of these facilities and with the administrative staff of the Homes for Special Care, worked toward upgrading of the level of the resident care.

Services to the Mentally Handicapped

The Regional Co-ordinator, Services to the Mentally Handicapped, acts as liaison between agencies which provide services to the mentally handicapped such as departmental staff, CAMR (workshops), Resi-care (residential), and with individuals, groups and other community services.

Family Court, Cape Breton

Peter MacDonald, R.S.W., Supervisor of the Family Court

The Family Court is located in the Provincial Building, Prince Street, Sydney, and provides service to the geographical area of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton, the Municipality of the County of Victoria, and part of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

The Family Court combines two disciplines: judicial and social.

The judicial side of the Family Court operation concerns itself with the Family Maintenance Act, the Young Offenders Act, particular sections of the Divorce Act, and sections of the Criminal Code of Canada.

The social side of the Family Court involves marital counselling on a short-term basis, to reconcile and conciliate problems within the family structure.

The Enforcement Section is responsible for the collection of maintenance payments determined by the Family Court Judge. Monies processed through the Family Court of Cape Breton for the fiscal year April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984 were approximately $2,000,000.

Children's Aid Society, Cape Breton

Cyril Reddy, Executive Director

The following programs are provided through the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton:

- Protection Services
- Ward Program
- Adoption
- Foster Home Finding and Training
- Single Parent Program
- Group Homes
- Residential Centre.

Protection Services

Child Protection Services Program has a complement of seven workers who are assigned to specific geographic areas of Victoria County and Cape Breton County. In 1983-84 protection staff were involved in 502 referrals with an average monthly caseload of 240. A team approach to Child Protection Services which the agency has provided has had many advantages for both the client and staff.

Ward Program

Ward Program of the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton has 227 children under care and custody. Over 75% are in their teens and are experiencing an increasing number of emotional and placement problems associated with the teenage years. The five workers involved in this program work with these youngsters on a daily basis.

Adoption Program

Social workers hold group meetings with prospective couples covering such topics as procedure, policy, legalities, availability and nutrition. Couples also now complete their own history and are seen in individual and joint interviews. The emphasis continues to be on placing older and difficult-to-place children. Twenty-eight children were placed for adoption through the agency program in the past year.

Foster Home Finding and Training Program

Foster Home Finding and Training Program continued to receive approximately four to five inquiries a month from people interested in becoming foster parents. All applicants are seen on an individual and family basis prior to approval. This is supplemented by periodic training seminars dealing with such topics as maintenance, Children's Services Act, separation trauma, natural parents, adolescence and drug abuse. The agency maintains a close liaison with the local Foster Parent Association and works together co-operatively on different projects during the year.

Single Parent Program

Single Parent Program continued to expand with an increasing demand from the community. The Society, through the Publicity Committee, attempted to make the community more aware of the services of the Society and obviously achieved some degree of success in the past year. This program is expected to continue to grow in the coming year.

Group Homes

The Society owns and operates two group homes in the City of Sydney which have a capacity of six and five. The group parents reside in the home on a live-in basis and, with the support of social workers, provide an excellent home environment for children who unable to function in their own homes or foster homes. The population of the co-ed home consisted of young teenagers attending Junior High School, while children in the other home were somewhat younger.

Residential Centre

The Boys' Residential Centre is located in the Town of New Waterford. The staff of the centre provides a high quality of care and supervision for the boys who reside in the facility. The citizens of the town are most supportive of the centre and assist the program through their educational and recreational programs. In the past year the centre operated at full capacity. Boys from across the Province utilized the resources of the centre and excellent co-operation was received from all agencies involved with these children.

The centre in 1983-84 celebrated its 10th anniversary of successful operation.

Port Hawkesbury District Office

Gordon MacMaster, District Supervisor

The Port Hawkesbury District Office is located in the Provincial Building on MacSween Street and has 12 full-time employees and one part-time employee.

The office services the needs of South Inverness and Richmond counties, which have a combined population of 36,000.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program maintains an average caseload of 1,080 and employs two and one-half full-time Social Service workers. The program is responsible for the long-term assistance needs of the two counties. Aside from their usual caseload, the workers are also involved with the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs and assist many residents by referring them to the appropriate outside agency that best suits their particular need. The majority of Family Benefits recipients are individuals who are suffering from a long-term disability.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program, by way of a contract between the Town of Port Hawkesbury and the Department of Social Services, employs a part-time worker who maintains a caseload of 60 to 80 per month.

The municipal program offers assistance in such areas as general assistance, special needs, day care subsidies, and Homes for Special Care. In the past fiscal year the program spent in excess of $200,000 with approximately 25% of that expenditure providing for special needs. The municipal program also maintained eight residents in Homes for Special Care at a separate expense of $111,000.

The district office is responsible only for the Town of Port Hawkesbury; offices are located in Port Hood and St. Peter's and are responsible for Inverness and Richmond counties.

Family Court

The Family Court employs one full-time Social Service worker whose duties include the taking of information and enforcement of Court Orders. This worker also provides juvenile probation services for both Inverness and Richmond counties.

In the past fiscal year, collections totalled $311,345. At year-end, there were 192 Orders in effect, 110 new Orders had been issued, and 78 Orders had been discontinued. Also during the year there was Family Court involvement with 25-30 juveniles, ranging from community service for an offender to commitment to a training facility.

Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond

Gordon MacMaster, Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond, which is responsible for adoptions and the provision of protection services and services to children in care and custody under the Children's Services Act, was officially opened on June 1, 1981. The Society, which has six full-time employees, maintains a network of 18 foster homes which have been used for the placement of children who have been taken into care. At the present time, these children number 33. The Society maintains a caseload of 85-100 protection families, with 182 referrals received in the past year. As a result of the referrals received and close monitoring of families in care, the workers of the Society made 10 apprehensions in the past year.

There were also 35 inquiries with regards to adoptions and, as a result, the agency was able to finalize a total of 27 adoptions: 12 private and 15 agency adoptions.

North Shore Regional Office, New Glasgow

R.C. Purdy, M.S.W., Regional Administrator
John T. MacIsaac, Casework Supervisor

The North Shore Region of the Department of Social Services is comprised of the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough. The Regional Office is located on Campbell's Lane, New Glasgow. The Family Court for the County of Pictou is also located in the same office building. For the approximately 50,000 residents of Pictou County, Provincial Social Services and Family and Children's Services are provided under a joint service arrangement.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program involves three full-time workers with a total caseload of approximately 1,400 recipients. This represents an increase of almost 50 recipients over the past year. Payments are made to recipients of Family Benefits based on categorical need. As well, Family Benefits personnel are involved in processing applications for subsidy for one day care centre in the county.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program is administered by the Department of Social Services on a contractual arrangement with the Towns of Stellarton, Trenton, Westville and Pictou. The staff are employees of the Department of Social Services; however, the responsibility for policy rests with the individual municipal unit involved.

Rehabilitation Services Program

The Rehabilitation Services Program provides services to individuals who are over 16 years of age and who, due to physical, mental or social

Regional Offices

North Shore Region

OFFICES

North Shore Regional Office	—	New Glasgow
Antigonish District Office	—	Antigonish
Colchester District Office	—	Truro
Cumberland District Office	—	Amherst
Guysborough District Office	—	Guysborough
Family Court	—	New Glasgow
		Antigonish
		Amherst
		Truro

handicaps, require help to achieve skills or occupational training to enable them to enter the work force.

In September 1983, this program was expanded through the addition of another worker whose area of concentration is working with single mothers to enable them to become self-sufficient through training, upgrading and the provision of emloyment. This worker provides service in all five counties comprising the North Shore Region.

Services for the Mentally Handicapped

The Regional Co-ordinator, Services for the Mentally Handicapped, serves all five counties making up the region and meets regularly with agencies and groups who provide services to both the menatlly handicapped and the post-mentally ill to enhance present services as well as promote new services.

Family Court Services, New Glasgow

The Family Court serving Pictou County hears all actions brought before it under the Family Maintenance Act, the Infants Custody Act, the Children's Services Act, as well as the Juvenile Delinquents Act. Most of the Court's time is spent enforcing family maintenance matters. During the year the number of active cases in Pictou County was about 750. Collection services in connection with family maintenance matters for the Counties of Colchester, Antigonish, and Guysborough as well as Pictou are provided in this office. The total collections during the past fiscal year amounted to $1,250,000.

Children's Aid Society, Pictou County

R.C. Purdy, M.S.W., Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society of Pictou County, through its Board of Directors and with jurisdiction under the Children's Services Act, provides child care services as required for the protection and care of children throughout Pictou County. These services are:

- placement of children for adoption where this is found to be in the best interest of the child
- provision of substitute placement for children who are committed to the care and custody of the Society or who are placed with the agency for voluntary care
- child protection services
- single parent services
- provision of teaching Homemakers Services both on an individual and group basis.

Municipal Social Services

Municipal Social Services for the Town of New Glasgow are provided through a contractual agreement with the Children's Aid Society of Pictou County. Municipal Social Services for the Municipality of the County of

Pictou are provided by two employees of the county. These workers share office facilities with the Department of Social Services and this has provided more co-ordination in terms of public assistance programs.

Congregate Care

Congregate Care Facilities in Pictou County are comprised of three Homes for the Aged, namely, Glen Haven Manor - New Glasgow, Valley View Villa - Riverton, and Edward Mortimer Place - Pictou. As well, Riverview Adult Residential Centre provides accommodation for handicapped adults. Also, there are two Group Homes for young mentally handicapped adults operated by the Highland Community Residential Services Society.

Colchester District Office, Truro

Harvey MacArthur, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The district office of the Department of Social Services for Colchester County is located in the Colchester Social Services Centre, 58 Willow Street, Truro. Colchester County has a population of approximately 43,000, with half of it located within a 10-mile radius of the Town of Truro. In keeping with the Department's goal of providing an efficient, co-ordinated network of services and programs, the Colchester District Office is part of a joint service arrangement. Under such an arrangement, the Administrator of the Centre directs the staff of the Department and the staff of the Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester, the other partner in the joint service agreement.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides financial assistance to disabled individuals, disabled fathers with dependent children, single mothers with dependent children, foster parents, aged people and unemployable women.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services provide counselling and placement services for individuals who require support because of their physical, mental or social condition. Vocational Rehabilitation Services and payment of financial assistance to Family Benefits single parents is an added function of this program.

Family Court Services

Family Court Services consist of probation and after-care services to children under 16 years of age who are in conflict with the law, and enforcement services under the Family Maintenance Act.

The Social Service workers assist the public through an information and referral service, with centrally administered programs such as Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs, Home for Special Care inquiries and day care service inquiries.

In reviewing the year 1983, two important developments occurred in the Colchester District Office. At the beginning of the year, the Department of Social Services expanded its court facilities by establishing a court to serve the expanding communities in the East Hants area. The court is located in Shubenacadie and the administrative duties are carried out by the court staff from the Colchester District Office.

In September 1983, the Government of Nova Scotia introduced the Vocational Rehabilitation Allowance for single mothers and it has been very beneficial. The Colchester District Office has, as part of its joint service, a specialized counselling and support program for single parents. This project is called J.O.M.P. (Job Orientation and Motivation Program) and is primarily financed by the Government of Canada. At any given time, 45 single parents are involved. At the time of writing, 30 of the 45 presently involved have taken advantage of the vocational rehabilitation allowance and are pursuing further training towards their chosen occupation or career.

Through staff involvement in a monthly client study group, which involves other social service agencies, education and health organizations, a formalized plan for the development of a work activity program has been presented to various levels of government. The Government of Canada is now seriously considering funding the program under the name of Cobequid Neighbourhood Work Activity Program.

Each year, $6,500,000 is paid directly to the people served by the Colchester District Office. These payments are made through the Provincial Family Benefits, Municipal Social Services, Homes for Special Care, Foster Care allowances and Homemakers Services. As well, $400,000 is collected by the Family Court through maintenance orders and forwarded to the appropriate spouse or guardian.

Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County

Harvey MacArthur, M.S.W., Executive Director

The staff of this agency provides services as legislated under the Children's Services Act which include:

- protection services — counselling and support to families in crisis in terms of caring for their children
- supervision of children in care
- adoption services
- licensing and supervision of foster homes
- home studies involving children to be admitted to Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre or Children's Training Centre.

The Children's Aid Society also administers the Homemakers Program financed by the Province of Nova Scotia in co-operation with the three municipal units in the County of Colchester. The service is in great demand, especially by the senior population in the county.

The Family Services Division of the Society provides individual, marital and family counselling by professional family therapists. The society,

through a contract with the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke, provides the services for their municipal social services program.

Cumberland District Office, Amherst

Donald Russell, M.S.W., District Supervisor

Cumberland County, with a land area of approximately 1,600 square miles, is one of the largest counties in Nova Scotia. It borders on the Province of New Brunswick with coastlines on the Northumberland Strait and the Bay of Fundy. Included within the county are the Towns of Amherst, Springhill, Oxford and Parrsboro.

The district office of the Department is located at 24 Crescent Avenue, Amherst, in the Family Services Centre. This building is owned and operated by the Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County. Services provided by the district office of the Department are as follows.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program involves three full-time Social Service workers with a total caseload of approximately 1,200 recipients. Assistance is provided to disabled people, mothers with dependent children, foster parents and disabled fathers with dependent children. As well, Family Benefits personnel are involved in processing applications for day care subsidies and helping individuals to apply for assistance under the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs.

Municipal Social Services

The Municipal Social Services Program provides short-term financial assistance to persons in need. As well, the program provides for assistance to individuals requiring placement in a Home for Special Care.

Municipal Social Services for the Town of Amherst, the County of Cumberland and Town of Parrsboro are located in the Family Service Centre. The Towns of Springhill and Oxford provide this service from their respective town offices.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services are provided to individuals over the age of 16 years who, due to social, physical or psychological handicaps, require assistance to improve their occupational skills and become self-sufficient.

Community Services

Community Services is provided by a sub-office in the Town of Springhill which helps individuals with special housing needs. This office is located in the Town Hall, Springhill.

Family Court

The Family Court for Cumberland County is also located in the Family Service Centre building. The major pieces of legislation administered by the

Family Court are the Children's Services Act, Maintenance Act, Infants Custody Act and Juvenile Delinquents Act. Associated with the Court is a Social Service worker who is doing special protection and providing probation and aftercare services for juveniles convicted of an offence.

Over the past year, the number of clients seeking and being given service increased greatly; this increase was evident particularly in Family and Children's Services, Rehabilitation referrals, Municipal Social Services Programs and the amount of money collected through the Family Court by way of the Family Maintenance Act.

Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County

Donald Russell, Executive Director

This agency, through its Board of Directors, provides services for children as follows:

- child protection services
- services to single parents
- placement of children for adoption
- placement of children in foster homes committed to the care and custody of the agency or who are placed with the agency for voluntary care
- family counselling
- homemakers services to aged and disabled people as well as to single parents and families.

The agency operates a Group Home for teenage boys and girls located on Victoria Street, Amherst.

Antigonish District Office, Antigonish

L.A. Mills, District Supervisor

The Antigonish Office of the Department of Social Services is located in the Provincial Building, James Street, Antigonish. The office provides departmental services to the County of Antigonish, the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, and Special Protection Services to the entire County of Guysborough.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program in the Antigonish Office provides services to Family Benefits recipients in the County of Antigonish and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. This service is available to disabled people, mothers with dependent children, foster parents and disabled fathers with dependent children.

Municipal Social Services

The Municipal Social Services Program, under contractual arrangements, has two Social Service workers to administer the program for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, the Town of Antigonish and the District of St. Mary's.

Family and Children's Services

Two Social Service workers provide services to children including:

- services to children who require a substitute family placement
- services to unmarried parents
- adoption services
- child protection and family care services, including both individual and family counselling
- provision of voluntary care for children.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided to residents of the County of Antigonish. As well, Homemakers Services are available to residents of the three municipal units within this office's jurisdiction by two private agencies. Financial assistance is available to clients of the Homemakers Services through the Department's Municipal Social Services Program.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services are provided to residents of the Antigonish District Office area through the North Shore Regional Office, New Glasgow.

Day Care

A day care service is available to preschool children in a facility centrally located in the Town of Antigonish. This service is subsidized by the Department of Social Services.

Homes for Special Care

Two Homes for Special Care are located in the Town of Antigonish and one is located in the Village of Sherbrooke in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. The total capacity of these three homes is 185 guests. Many of these guests are supported financially through the Municipal Social Services Program.

Family Court

The Family Court serving Antigonish County hears all actions brought under the Family Maintenance Act, Infants Custody Act, Children's Services Act and the Juvenile Delinquents Act.

Special Protection Services are provided by one Social Service worker who serves both Antigonish and Guysborough counties. Service is provided to children under 16 years of age who have been charged and found guilty of an offence; it includes probation and after care services.

Guysborough District Office, Guysborough

Greg G. Wiseman, District Supervisor

The Guysborough Office of the Department of Social Services was established in the fall of 1977. Before then, the office had served as a sub-office of the neighbouring county's Antigonish District Office. The office is located in the Chedabucto Centre just outside Guysborough Village.

The office provides services to the Town of Canso, the Town of Mulgrave and the Municipality of the District of Guysborough. The services provided are as follows.

Family Benefits

The Department made another move to localize services for residents of the area when on September 6, 1983 this much anticipated program was added to the office's complement. Prior to this date, Family Benefits Program services for the area had been provided by the Antigonish District Office. Family Benefits provides financial assistance to disabled people, mothers with dependent children, foster parents, disabled fathers with dependent children, and diabetics.

Municipal Social Services

Municipal Social Services are provided on a contracutal basis with the three municipal units in the area. The Municipal Social Services Program provides financial assistance to people in need and places people in Homes for Special Care. The Municipality of Guysborough has its own Home for the Aged at Hazel Hill, Guysborough County. The Social Service worker in this program completes subsidy applications from the parents who place their children in the Canso and Area Day Care Centre.

Family and Children's Services

Family and Children's Services is responsible for the supervision of children in care and custody, overall foster home finding, training and care, child protection and family support services. The program also provides services to children requiring a substitute family placement, as well as family counselling, adoptions and counselling services to single parents and unmarried mothers. This program oversees the organization and dispersion of the Christmas Daddies Funds to needy families in the area.

Homemakers Services

Workers provide support and help to the elderly or disabled citizens in the area and teach and practice homemaking skills with multi-problem families. Four homemakers, one a working supervisor, operate out of the Guysborough Office, providing the service within the District of Guysborough. Another homemaker is situated in, and provides services to, the Town of Mulgrave.

Community Services Program

The Community Service Program is involved with housing and repair programs offered by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Department of Housing (the former Nova Scotia Housing Commission) in order to provide information and direction to residents of the area making home improvements. As well, the office arranges for children of the area to attend summer camping programs at Camp Canso, Glasgow Head, Guysborough County.

Family Court Services

Family Court Services include summonsing and enforcing Family Court Orders made pursuant to the Family Maintenance Act, Infants Custody Act and Children's Services Act, for residents of the area; these services have been provided by the office since November 1982.

Halifax Regional Office, Halifax

Joan M. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Regional Administrator

The Halifax Regional Office is located at the Metro One Building, 6061 Young Street, Halifax. Although the principle responsibility of this office is administering the Family Benefits Program, a Rehabilitation Services Program for single parents is also offered by staff. A psychological technician and a Social worker who administers the Special Foster Home Program for mentally handicapped children work out of the office.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program is offered to the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax. The Social Service workers process new applications and determine ongoing eligibility yearly for the 5,500 individuals and/or families who receive Family Benefits. Prior to 1983, all Family Benefits staff processed new applications and attended to the service requirements and caseload management of individuals and families already receiving Family Benefits. During the 1983-84 fiscal year, services to Dartmouth City were reorganized. One Social Service worker was assigned all new applications and re-applications and three other staff were assigned to manage in pay caseloads in the City of Dartmouth. This division of workload proved efficient and effective.

During the fiscal year 1983-84, the most significant accomplishment was the Department's decision to decentralize the program to the regions. The Halifax Regional Office was the first office to become decentralized. Decentralization involved the installation of computer technology and the transfer of the decision-making regarding eligibility for benefits from head office to the field office. An eligibility unit of three staff from head office joined the staff of the Halifax Regional Office. Already, the benefits of this decision are apparent. A new application can be processed and placed in pay within a week, compared to the previous period of about six weeks. Communication with clients has also improved as has the response time to client needs, concerns and queries.

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Halifax Region

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Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services Program added one social worker (Vocational Rehabilitation for Single Parents) to the Halifax Regional Office in November 1983. The mandate of this new employee is to help single parents on Family Benefits locate training opportunities and find employment. The overall goal of this program is to help single parents become independent and to remain so. At the end of the fiscal year, the caseload totalled 160.

Dartmouth District Office, Dartmouth

Duncan K. Rosnok, District Supervisor

The Dartmouth District Office is located in the Professional Center at 277 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Rehabilitation Services

The Rehabilitation Services Program provides service to clients in the City of Halifax, the City of Dartmouth, and the County of Halifax, with the exception of the Bedford-Sackville area which is covered by a Social Service Worker (rehabilitation) in the Hants County District Office.

Three Social Service Workers (rehabilitation) provide vocational rehabilitation services to disabled individuals (i.e., with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities) who are at least 16 years of age or older. These services include assessment (medical, social, vocational), vocational counselling, provision of services relating to physical restoration and vocational training. The overall objective is to help the disabled individual to obtain employment in a substantially gainful occupation. From April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984, some 200 referrals were received, 157 new cases were opened, and 86 persons were placed in jobs.

The Social Service workers (single parents) provide counselling and supportive services to single parents to help them plan for their children and themselves, before or after the birth of a child, and to enable them to follow through with their plans. This can involve assistance in arranging accommodations, financial support, and medical care; providing information about legal rights and child birth, and alternatives open to the mother concerning her child's future; and providing temporary care for a child awaiting adoption placement or to give the mother time to make suitable plans to keep her child and/or to find adequate accommodations. During the fiscal year 1983-84, help was provided to 141 single parents, an increase in referrals over the previous year of 38.6%

Family and Children's Services

Family and Children's Services Program serves the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax, with the exception of the area serviced by the Sackville District Office (specifically, Bedford-Sackville and Halifax County West). A major function of this program is the Protection Program which is organized to receive reports of child abuse and neglect from the community it services. In order to accomplish the philosophical goals of the

Protection Program, it has been organized into three separate, functional units: Intake, Family Services, and Child Care.

The Intake Unit consists of two social workers who receive reports of child abuse andd neglect from the community. They are also responsible for investigating these reports, and helping families explore and obtain services which can begin the process of resolving their problems. During 1983-84, caseloads have increased in this unit and averaged 58.8 cases per month per worker. The unit received an average of 37 new or re-opened cases per month. If the social worker (intake) has reason to believe that the family needs long-term follow-up, the family is transferred to the Family Services Unit.

The Family Services Unit consists of five social workers and is designed to work with families over a longer period of time, ranging from a few months to a few years. These are usually families who have multiple problems and require supervision, support, and constant motivation to accept and use community rehabilitation services. During 1983-84, caseloads in the Family Service Unit averaged 53 cases per worker per month. The caseloads ranged from 50.6 to 57.4 and appeared to be increasing significantly.

The Child Care Unit is designed to receive all children who are placed in foster care by the social worker doing either Intake or Family Service work. During 1983-84, the caseloads averaged 44 children per month. Also, an average of 10 children per month were admitted to foster care, 80% of whom were by voluntary care.

All caseloads increased during 1983-84 due to a sharp increase in reports to the program in June 1983, especially reports of physical and sexual abuse. During 1983-84, the Intake Unit received 108 reports of physical and sexual abuse.

Two social workers, acting as foster home finders, are responsible for the following: recruiting foster homes, orienting and training foster parent applicants and new foster parents through group meetings over a 4-6 week period; completing foster home studies on prospective foster parents; co-ordinating foster home placements and assisting in weekly permanency planning meetings for children in care; providing overall supervision to foster parents; and attending Foster Parent Association meetings, providing their expertise and experience to the foster parents.

A Case Aide is responsible for transporting the children in care to and from appointments, visits, foster home placements, shopping, etc. and for completing social histories for the applicants for admission to the Mentally Handicapped Children's Program.

Two Social Service workers work with agency adoptions and one Social Service worker deals solely with the private adoptions that occur in Metro and in Halifax County. During the past fiscal year, this worker dealt with 402 families.

Sackville District Office, Lower Sackville

Graeme Fraser, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Sackville District Office is located at the Cobequid Multi-Service Center, 70 Memory Lane, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia. The following programs are offered through this office.

Family and Children's Services

The Family and Children's Services Program includes the supervision of children in care and the Protection Program. With growing public awareness of the problems of child abuse and child neglect, the office has experienced a significant increase in referrals during the past fiscal year. During that period, social work staff have dealt with approximately 500 families. In over 50 of these families, there were serious concerns regarding emotional and/or behavioural problems with adolescents. In addition, on behalf of the Minister of Social Services, these workers have acted as guardians of approximately 80 children, most of whom are in foster homes throughout Halifax County.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program employs two Social Service workers who assist about 800 recipients (over 1,500 persons, including dependents) each month. This number increased very slightly during the fiscal year after having shown a steady increase the preceding year. The total amount of assistance provided was $3.5 million.

Rehabilitation Services

In the past, Rehabilitation Services were provided by the Dartmouth District Office. During this fiscal year, arrangements were made to have a Social Service worker (rehabilitation) available in the Sackville office two days a week in order to make this service more readily accessible to the community. Referrals have shown a gradual increase with over 30 rehabilitation clients served from this office.

Family Court, Halifax-Dartmouth

Jack Jackson, Supervisor of the Family Courts

The Family Court in Halifax and in Dartmouth is structured in the same way. There are three separate components which function together as one unit.

Judiciary Section

Six Judges deal with cases in respect to both adult and youth at the Halifax and Dartmouth Family Court locations.

Counselling Section

The Social Service workers, acting as probation and after care officers, provide supervision and counselling services to the children who come into conflict with the law. Assistance is also rendered to the families of these children, when appropriate. One Social Service worker is responsible for providing intake assessment and referral services to all clients who come to the Court. Since Social Service workers have the first contact with clients, they must be very knowledgeable of the range of services available within the Court and the wide diversity of services available in the county.

Enforcement Section

This is an integral part of the operation. Prior to its establishment, all matters were heard by a Provincial Magistrate, but little money was collected because there was no enforcement unit. A Social Service worker (enforcement) ensures that monies are paid according to the court orders. The Social Service workers assist the Senior Court Officer in the daily overall functioning of the Court pertaining to adult matters. This unit is responsible for all payments made into the Court with respect to court orders and fines, forwards payments to the recipient, and maintains the overall accounting system.

The Court works very closely with the juvenile sections of the Halifax, Dartmouth and Royal Canadian Mounted Police forces in the area. Halifax and Dartmouth Police have special officers attached full-time to the Court.

Hants District Office, Windsor

Barry Costello, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Hants District Office is located in Curry's Corner, Windsor. The Department of Social Services staff and the staff of the Family and Children's Services of Hants County jointly deliver social services to Hants County.

Programs provided through the Department of Social Services include Family Benefits, Municipal Social Assistance (to Town of Windsor, Town of Wolfville, and the Municipalities of East and West Hants), Special Protection, Rehabilitation, and Family Court Services.

Family and Children's Services of Hants County

Barry Costello, M.S.W., Executive Director

Services provided to the residents of Hants County include:

- services to children who require a substitute family placement
- operation of a Group Home for adolescent boys
- services to unmarried parents
- adoption services
- child protection and family care services
- voluntary care for children.

Homemakers Services are provided to the Town of Windsor and the Municipalities of East Hants and West Hants.

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Central Region

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Central Regional Office, Kentville

Douglas M. Penney, M.S.W., Regional Administrator
Vernon J. Totten, Casework Supervisor

The 50,000 residents of Kings County are served by the Central Regional Office located at 374 Main Street, Kentville. The region is comprised of the Counties of Kings, Lunenburg and Queens, and the following provincial programs are provided.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program provides financial assistance to 1,371 recipients. These benefits are based on categorical need, and investigations for eligibility and continued eligibility are the responsibility of three full-time Social Service workers (Family Benefits). In addition, the workers are also responsible for investigations of day care subsidies in the centres in Kentville and Wolfville — a total of 70 cases full- and part-time.

Rehabilitation Services

The Rehabilitation Services Program offers services in the Counties of Kings and Annapolis for a total number of 75 cases. One Social Service worker (rehabilitation) is responsible for these two counties. This worker's primary responsibility is to work with the disabled population, especially with Family Benefits recipients who offer some potential for retraining and/or job placement.

An additional service has been added in the Kings County area in the rehabilitation of the single parent. In this particular program, a Social Service worker (rehabilitation) has been assigned to work with single parents to help them obtain skills and/or occupational training so that they may competitively enter the labour market. This service is available to single unmarried, divorced and deserted mothers, as well as to wives of husbands who are in institutions. It is hoped that this new service will enable the single parent to gain some measure of financial independence.

Doug Penny, Regional Administrator with Vernon Totten, Casework Supervisor.

Family Court, Kentville

The Family Court office for the Central Region is located in the Provincial Building at 120 Exhibition Street, Kentville, Nova Scotia. This Court is a circuit court for Kings, Annapolis and Lunenburg counties.

The Family Court has a mandate to provide services under the following legislation:

- The Family Court Act
- The Family Maintenance Act
- The Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act
- The Children's Services Act
- The Infant's Custody Act
- The Young Offender's Act.

Under the Family Maintenance Act, the collections for the year ending March 31, 1984 were $1,212,526.87, and increase of $174,729.99 over the previous year.

The current number of active cases at the Family Court is 1,006.

Vernon Totten, Casework Supervisor, with Willard Custance, Family Benefits Worker.

Family and Children's Services of Kings County

Douglas M. Penney, M.S.W., Executive Director

The Family and Children's Services of Kings County is now in its 72nd year of operation with offices located at 374 Main Street, Kentville, Nova Scotia. Under a Board of Directors representative of various occupations and professions throughout the county, the agency administers through its employees the following programs:

- Unmarried Parents
- Adoption
- Child Care
- Foster Home Finding
- Protection Services
- Homemakers Services.

During the past year, the agency was extremely busy in child protection, and referrals were up by 40%.

While the number of children has been decreasing, this past year's work indicates that there will be an increase in the number of children in care, mainly brought about by public concern and interest in the welfare and care of children.

The agency has made extensive use of its homemaking services and volunteers to help the Social Work staff working with families and improving the quality of life in the community.

The Family and Children's Services of Kings County has received a training grant for agency volunteers from the Department of Social Services at the recommendation of the Nova Scotia Social Service Council. A training program has been initiated to serve both the agency's Board of Directors as well as direct service volunteers who assist with such services as transportation and supportive work with protection and single parent families. Topics to be covered in training direct service volunteers include: orientation to and working with the agency, listening skills, and working with families. The agency's Board will receive instruction in organizing and governing the agency, Board/staff relations, planning and goal setting, and agency self-evaluation.

The Family and Children's Services of Kings County also received a very generous donation toward the cost of training foster parents from the United Church of St. Stephen and St. Paul, Kentville. The United Church Board responded to publicity relating to child abuse by offering to support, through community education, the needs of children who have been physically and sexually abused. It was very gratifying to the agency's staff, on behalf of the children in their care, to receive this support and understanding from the community.

Lunenburg District Office, Bridgewater

Malcolm R. Burrill, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Lunenburg District Office serves the Towns of Bridgewater, Lunenburg, Mahone Bay, and the Municipalities of the Districts of Lunenburg and Chester. The office is located in the Provincial Building, Suite 105, 99 High Street, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. The following programs are being administered from this office.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program provides financial assistance to 1,015 recipients. There are two field staff for this program and there were 223 applications processed with 178 cases eligible for Family Benefits over the last fiscal year.

Municipal Social Services

The Municipal Social Services Program operates on a contractual arrangement for the five municipal units of Lunenburg County. A Joint Social Services Committee, having representation from the five municipal councils, provides harmony in policy making. Three Social Service workers

provide assistance to eligible applicants seeking financial aid or for those seeking placement in Homes for Special Care.

The total amount of general assistance paid for the 1983-84 fiscal year in Lunenburg County was $602,164. The accompanying figure for Homes for Special Care amounted to $2,501,226.

Rehabilitation Services

The Rehabilitation Services Program has the responsibility to provide occupation adjustment planning services to disabled people. One Social Service worker provides service to the Counties of Lunenburg and Queens. The active caseload at the close of the fiscal year was 61.

Also, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Single Parents provides servcies to enable the single parent to develop the necessary skills to be gainfully employed. As a part of the program, single parents are taught to manage their home and family life in preparation for those changes that will be taking place in their lives. One Social Service worker (single parent) is responsible for Kings and Queens counties. The Social Service worker (single parents) position for Lunenburg County was filled on February 1, 1984. There were 32 active cases for the region as of March 31, 1984.

Family Court

The Family Court is held in Lunenburg Town and one Social Service worker (special protection) serves both Lunenburg and Queens counties. There were 120 hearings during the year, and the number of youth on probation on March 31, 1984 was 27. In Lunenburg County, collections under the Family Maintenance Act amounted to $373,753.42 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1984.

Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County

Malcolm R. Burrill, M.S.W., Executive Director

The Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County, under a joint service agreement, share office space and administration with the Department of Social Services. The agency came into existence in 1931. This agency is responsible fo the following programs.

Adoption Program

During the past year, the Adoption Program introduced group work with prospective adopting couples. The number of children placed in the fiscal year was 13, and for the same period 12 studies were completed on couples interested in adopting children.

Single Parent Program

The Single Parent Program counselled 15 unmarried mothers during the 1983-84 fiscal year. For that same period, two children were given up for adoption under Section 10 of the Children's Services Act.

Ward Program

The Ward Program had 74 children in care and custody on March 31, 1984, and 89% of these children were 10 years of age or older.

Foster Home Program

The Foster Home Program continues to have difficulty in obtaining foster homes for the older child. A special foster home has been open since August 1979 (agency owned dwelling and salaried foster parents). This home continues to be used for the hard-to-place teenager and has helped to alleviate the stress that would otherwise occur due to the regular foster home shortage. The Home is approved for five children and for 1983-84 had a 100% occupancy.

Child Protection Program

The Child Protection Program has three caseworkers who are also assigned a small caseload of children in care and custody. They receive backup support from the agency's Family Counsellor for those cases that are best served by joint counselling. There were 172 referrals for the fiscal year and 22 of these were alleged child abuse. The figure for alleged child abuse for the previous year was 10.

Homemakers Services Program

The Homemakers Services Program received 183 referrals and provided 16,222.5 hours for the full fiscal year at an hourly rate of $9.

Queens District Office, Liverpool

Donald A. Burns, District Supervisor

The Queens District Office is located at 43 Carten Street, Liverpool. This office operates under a joint service agreement with the Family and Children's Services of Queens County. The agreement provides for joint housing and joint supervision. Services are rendered to a population of about 13,000.

Programs provided through the Department of Social Services include the Family Benefits Program and Municipal Social Services. The Department is under a contractual agreement with the Town of Liverpool and the Municipality of Queens County to administer this latter service, which is comprised of general assistance and admission of people to Homes for Special Care. A Community Residence Program has not as yet been developed under the present municipal program. Rehabilitation and Special Protection Services are provided to Queens County from the Lunenburg District Office.

Family and Children's Services of Queens County

Donald A. Burns, Executive Director

The Family and Children's Services of Queens County is responsible for children's services within the county. Services include foster care, protection services, adoptions, services to single parents, and community outreach. This agency, through its staff and Board Members, also assists in the formation of resources necessary for effective delivery of social services to those in need.

Western Regional Office, Yarmouth

Douglas G. Raymond, R.S.W., Regional Administrator

The Western Region of the Department of Social Services encompasses Shelburne, Yarmouth, Digby and Annapolis counties. The Regional Office is located in Yarmouth, with district offices in Barrington, Digby and Annapolis Royal. The Regional Administrator is responsible for program development, co-ordination and supervision, as well as the operation of both the regional and district offices.

The Western Regional Office is accountable for program delivery to a population of approximately 24,000 within the County of Yarmouth.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program has two Social Service workers who help individuals apply for financial assistance. Personal and financial data are validated and reported in writing to the Family Benefits Division in Halifax, enabling the Director of Family Benefits to determine eligibility. Annual reviews and changes in financial status of clients are carried out by the Social Service workers who have a combined caseload of about 985 clients.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services for the counties of Yarmouth and Digby are provided by a Social Service worker located in the Western Regional Office, Yarmouth. A Social Service worker (single parents) also provides counselling services to clients in Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne counties.

Municipal Social Services

Municipal Social Services are provided on a contractual basis between the Minister of Social Services and the Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and Municipality of the District of Argyle. The three Social Service workers responsible for this program provide assistance to clients applying for short-term financial aid and placement in Homes for Special Care. Personal, financial and social data are collected and assessed by these staff members to determine eligibility.

Regional Offices

Western Region

OFFICES

Western Regional Office	—	Yarmouth
Annapolis District Office	—	Annapolis Royal
Digby District Office	—	Digby
Shelburne District Office	—	Barrington
Family Court	—	Yarmouth

Staff of Yarmouth Regional Office.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided under the Municipal Social Services Program to the elderly and disabled throughout the County of Yarmouth. Supervised by Department staff, homemakers are employees of the municipalities. Three full-time and six part-time homemakers comprise the staff complement with direct supervision being provided by a Co-ordinator for Homemakers Services.

Family Court, Yarmouth

The Family Court has offices in Yarmouth with courtroom facilities located in Yarmouth, Digby and Shelburne. A Casework Supervisor is responsible for enforcement and special protection services staff in the Court. Enforcement services are also provided from the regional office to the Family Court in Digby, Shelburne and Liverpool.

The office of the provincial Co-ordinator of Psychological Services is located in the regional office, Yarmouth, with a full-time secretary to provide clerical support.

Four persons were employed at the Yarmouth Regional Office during the 12-month period ending March 31, 1984 through the Provincial Employment Program. Two individuals served as Case Aides for the provincial Family Benefits Program, the Municipal Social Services Program and Family Court; two provided clerical services to these programs.

Family and Children's Services, Yarmouth County

Douglas G. Raymond, R.S.W., Executive Director

The Regional Administrator, Western Regional Office, Yarmouth, also serves in a joint capacity as Executive Director of the Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County.

Family and Children's Services is responsible for the following services to the community and Yarmouth County:

- child protection
- children in care and custody
- foster homes
- unmarried parents
- adoptions (private and agency)
- counselling.

Other services such as custody reports for Family Court, out-of-county and out-of-province referrals, and services to the mentally handicapped are also provided when caseloads permit.

The staff complement within Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County totals 10. At the present time, there are 65 children in care and custody in foster homes and other child care facilities. The child protection caseload remains about 57 while a total of 67 special protection investigations took place on a short-term basis.

During the year, the agency lost the services of an Adolescent Counsellor, previously funded by campaign funds. This service was a valued one as it relieved the strain on the protection staff.

Family and individual counselling is carried on to a greater degree with referral to the psychiatric unit at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. The psychological services of a private practitioner were also employed.

The Residential Centre located at Hebron, Yarmouth County, is also under the responsibility of Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County and its Board of Directors. This centre provides care for 12 children and has a staff of 10 including the Director, counsellors, a housemother and stenographer.

Staff of Digby District Office.

Digby District Office, Digby

F.A. (Sandy) Bowes, District Supervisor

The Digby District Office is located on Warwick Street in the Town of Digby and serves the entire population of Digby County.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program involves two Social Service workers with a total monthly caseload of about 700. One Social Service worker is responsible for the Municipality of Digby and the County of Digby and the other worker serves the population of the Municipality of Clare.

Municipal Social Services

The Municipal Social Services Program is administered by two Social Service workers. One worker is responsible for the Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby, while the other is responsible for the Municipality of Clare as well as the Community Residence Program involving an average of 15 people per month.

Homemakers Services

The Homemakers Services Program, with six homemakers, serves the Town of Digby, Municipality of Digby and the Municipality of Clare. This program has proven to be very successful and is in great demand by the citizens of Digby County.

Family Court

Family Court is held in Digby on Tuesday of each week. The Special Protection Program for Digby and Annapolis counties is administered by a Social Service worker who carries a caseload of probation and after care services.

Family and Children's Services

Family and Children's Services Program consists of children in care and custody, protection, foster home program, family support, unmarried mothers program, and the single parent program. The three Social Service workers in this program also provide home studies for the Family Court.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services are provided in Digby County by a Social Service worker from the Western Regional Office in Yarmouth. The Digby District Office offers bilingual service to individuals in the Municipality of Clare.

Shelburne District Office, Barrington

Raymond Harris, District Supervisor

The Shelburne District Office is a joint service office providing services to the County of Shelburne. The office is located in the Administrative Centre, Barrington, Nova Scotia.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Program is administered by two Social Service workers who provide service to about 400 recipients in Shelburne County. These two Social Service workers are also responsible for Rehabilitation Services, day care investigations and homemakers services. Presently, 82 families in the area benefit from the Homemakers Services Program.

Municipal Social Services

The Municipal Social Services Program provides general assistance to an average of 24 clients per month. The Social Service worker responsible for this program also has an average caseload of 140 residents in the four Homes for Special Care in the county.

In the coming year staff will be working with each municipal unit to initiate new In-Home Support Programs for the elderly and disabled.

Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County

Raymond G. Harris, Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society provides the following services:

- protection services
- adoption services

- foster home care
- unmarried mother services
- foster home evaluation
- family counselling
- family support services
- other services such as custody reports, out-of-province requests and services to the mentally handicapped.

The agency has recently begun a program of formal permanency planning for children in care. The philosophy of this program is that every child needs a home that offers the hope of establishing a lifelong family relationship. Staff are beginning with a pilot project of 12 children they hope to have established in permanent homes in six months. They will then continue planning for the remaining children in the care of this agency.

The Family Support Services Program appears healthy and is expanding. Services provided during the year included individual counselling; group programs for single parents, foster parents, other parent groups; babysitting/child care course; presentations to community groups; and staff education sessions.

The Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society has placed a high priority for the coming year on establishing programs for the mentally handicapped. Plans are already underway to complete a survey of need and a proposal for funds.

Annapolis District Office, Annapolis County

Donald A. Lefurgey, District Supervisor

The Annapolis District Office is located in the Town of Annapolis Royal and serves the county's population of about 22,000. This office operates under a joint service agreement with the Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County.

The Family Benefits Program has two Social Service workers to help people apply for financial assistance. The two workers have a combined caseload of about 600 Family Benefits clients. The Social Service workers are also responsible for the supervision of the day care services by completing applications for subsidized day care and annual reviews of day care centres and nursery schools in the county.

Family and Children's Services, Annapolis County

Donald A. Lefurgey, Executive Director

The Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County has a staff complement of four full-time and two part-time Social Service workers who are responsible for the following services:

- protection services to children and families in crisis
- adoption services
- foster home care
- unmarried mothers services
- family and marital counselling

- homemakers services
- other special services such as custody reports for Family Court and out-of-province requests.

The agency now has 66 children in care and an average of 50 protection cases.

The Homemakers Services Program is staffed by a full-time co-ordinator and nine part-time homemakers. A variety of services is provided to approximately 40-50 clients. This program has been in operation for five years and is very well received throughout the county.

Staff Training and Development Services

Greg Gammon, M.S.W., Supervisor of Staff Training

The quality of services provided in the Department is directly related to the interest and performance of its staff. The Staff Training and Development Unit is therefore concerned that each staff member contribute to the utmost of his/her capabilities. For this reason, a series of job-related inservice training courses is offered to stenographic, clerical, institutional, field and managerial staff.

These courses are planned and implemented in consultation and cooperation with the various program divisions of the Department of Social Services, the Children's Aid Societies, Family and Children's Service Agencies, and Municipal Social Service Departments. New field staff are also required to take a mandatory three-month orientation course.

During 1983, over 28 seminars, workshops and short courses were offered to approximately 600 staff in the Department's field offices and institutions across the province. This training addressed such areas as financial management and budgeting, rehabilitation of single parents on Family Benefits, permanency planning for children in foster care, court work, and the Young Offenders Act.

Training programs are designed with both a practical and theoretical input so that the worker is taught to integrate theory with practice, to think with increasing precision, and to improve performance. In this way, staff become aware of new methods and techniques for helping the clients they serve.

Table 33

Regional and District Offices and The Family Court By County

CAPE BRETON REGION	— Cape Breton, Richmond, Victoria and Inverness counties
Regional Office	— Sydney
District Office	— Port Hawkesbury
Family Court	— Sydney (serving the Cape Breton Region)
Sub-Office	— New Waterford
NORTH SHORE REGION	— Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou, Colchester and Cumberland counties
Regional Office	— New Glasgow
District Offices	— Amherst, Antigonish, Truro, Guysborough
Family Court	— New Glasgow (serving the counties of Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou and Colchester)
	— Amherst (serving the county of Cumberland)
HALIFAX REGION	— Halifax and Hants counties
Regional Office	— Halifax
District Offices	— Dartmouth, Sackville, Windsor
Family Court	— Halifax (serving the City of Halifax and part of Halifax County)
	— Dartmouth (serving the City of Dartmouth and part of Halifax County)
WESTERN REGION	— Annapolis, Yarmouth, Digby and Shelburne counties
Regional Office	— Yarmouth
District Offices	— Barrington, Digby, Annapolis
Family Court	— Yarmouth (serving the Western Region)
CENTRAL REGION	— Lunenburg, Queens and Kings counties
Regional Office	— Kentville
District Offices	— Bridgewater, Liverpool
Family Court	— Kentville (serving the Central Region)

Table 34

Personnel in the Five Regions

	Cape Breton	Central	Halifax	North Shore	Western	Total
Regional Administrator	1	1	1	1	1	5
Assistant Regional Administrator	1	—	—	—	1	2
District Supervisor	1	2	3	4	3	13
Casework Supervisor	2	2	4	1	1	10
Supervisor of Family Benefits Program	1	—	1	—	—	2
Supervisor of the Family Court	1	—	1	—	—	2
Senior Family Court Officer	1	—	2	—	—	3
Field Staff	34	17	62	33	22	168
Clerical Staff	14	10	31	17	10	82
TOTAL FIELD STAFF						287

Social Services

Financial Services Division

Arnold R. Jones, Director

Fiscal Planning and Control

The Co-ordinator is responsible for preparing the departmental budget and supervising its control on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Over recent years budget preparation has become more complex; as a result,the Co-ordinator is responsible for training the line managers on all aspects of the budget preparation and control.

Data Verification and Accounting

The Supervisor is responsible for developing and maintaining acceptable accounting procedures for the entire Department, and maintaining a constant review of the Financial Services computer programs to ensure that the most current and accurate expenditure information is available to senior management and the budget subject managers.

Claims, Contracts/Data Processing

The Supervisor is responsible for preparing all claims for cost-sharing with the Government of Canada. This section is also responsible for the data entry of all expenditure and recovery items to the Financial Services Computer System as well as the production of all monthly and special financial reports.

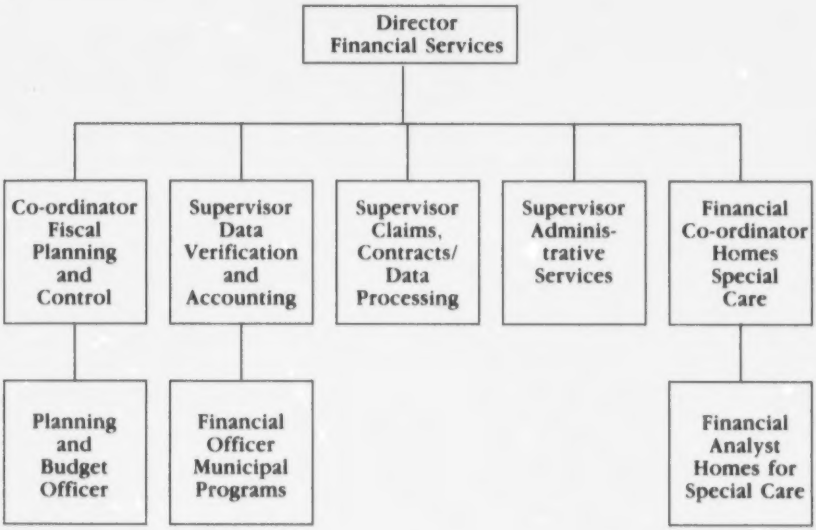
Administrative Services

The Supervisor is responsible for account and bank reconciliations, purchasing, inventory, equipment maintenance, incoming and outgoing mail, and the financial aspects of the three programs for senior citizens.

Financial Co-ordinator — Homes for Special Care

The Co-ordinator is responsible for the financial analysis necessary to establish a reasonable shareable per diem rate for all Homes for Special Care. At present there are over 220 such homes.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART


Director
Financial Services
Co-ordinator Fiscal Planning and Control
Supervisor Data Verification and Accounting
Supervisor Claims, Contracts/ Data Processing
Supervisor Adminis-trative Services
Financial Co-ordinator Homes Special Care
Planning and Budget Officer
Financial Officer Municipal Programs
Financial Analyst Homes for Special Care

The Financial Services Division provides the total financial support services for the entire Department.

Financial Expenditures and Estimates

	Actual Expenditures 1983-84	Approved Estimate 1984-85
Administration		
HEAD OFFICE		
Senior Management	443,409	457,900
Family Court-Judicial	724,344	744,000
Direct Grants	1,118,677	1,113,000
Audit Services	249,741	277,400
Financial Services	1,569,738	1,428,400
Appeal Services	155,565	163,700
Staff Training	70,733	84,900
Senior Citizens Secretariat	88,464	97,900
Total	4,420,671	4,367,200
FIELD SERVICES — HEAD OFFICE		
Administration	159,745	204,600
Psychological Services	161,859	162,800
Total	321,604	367,400
FIELD SERVICES — CAPE BRETON REGION		
Administration	224,773	277,300
Family Benefits	538,066	635,900
Family Court Services	574,283	646,500
Rehabilitation Services	115,986	140,500
Services for the Mentally Handicapped	33,846	35,800
Municipal Contracts	107,799	113,100
Community Services	106,297	114,000
Total	1,701,050	1,963,100
FIELD SERVICES — NORTH SHORE REGION		
Administration	429,583	458,200
Family Benefits	289,341	323,200
Municipal Contracts	230,741	252,100
Rehabilitation Services	103,679	124,000
Services for the Mentally Handicapped	29,638	33,800
Family Court Services	383,728	420,300
Children's Services	145,013	167,500
Community Services	34,060	47,800
Less: Chargeable to other departments	—	8,600
Total	1,645,783	1,818,300

	Actual Expenditures 1983-84	Approved Estimate 1984-85
FIELD SERVICES — HALIFAX REGION		
Administration	409,749	444,500
Family Benefits	641,127	729,100
Family Court Services	777,296	859,900
Rehabilitation Services	159,852	216,300
Children's Services	766,498	874,400
Municipal Contracts	102,163	118,600
Community Services	29,270	31,200
Total	2,885,955	3,274,000
FIELD SERVICES — CENTRAL REGION		
Administration	259,634	287,600
Family Benefits	197,091	224,400
Rehabilitation Services	58,646	95,000
Family Court Services	254,547	265,500
Municipal Contracts	139,722	157,000
Total	909,640	1,029,500
FIELD SERVICES — WESTERN REGION		
Administration	330,428	373,500
Family Benefits	243,645	261,400
Rehabilitation Services	39,644	63,600
Family Court Services	186,388	191,900
Children's Services	103,609	109,500
Municipal Contracts	232,072	251,800
Total	1,135,786	1,251,700
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	13,020,489	14,071,200

	Actual Expenditures 1983-84	Approved Estimate 1984-85
Family and Children's Services		
CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
Administration	425,243	473,100
Maintenance — Foster Homes	3,493,978	4,024,700
Maintenance — Community Residential Facilities	1,322,095	2,141,100
Apprehension Costs	207,071	210,000
Voluntary Care	325,276	353,400
Payments to Children's Service Agencies	4,419,780	4,882,800
Payments to Private Agencies for Unmarried Mothers	244,076	250,500
Grant — Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia	557,832	559,300
Total	10,995,351	12,894,900
DAY CARE SERVICES		
Administration	287,016	313,000
Day Care Subsidy	3,841,241	4,753,900
Payments to Child Development Centres	174,369	183,500
Total	4,302,626	5,250,400
HOMEMAKER SERVICES		
Administration	60,767	65,300
Homemaker Subsidy	1,856,698	2,038,700
Total	1,917,465	2,104,000
TOTAL FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES	17,215,442	20,249,300
Rehabilitation and Community Services		
SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED		
Administration	495,313	524,100
Maintenance of Children in Foster Homes	98,504	130,000
Maintenance of Children in Nursing Homes	149,176	149,600
Total	742,993	803,700

	Actual Expenditures 1983-84	Approved Estimate 1984-85
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Administration	110,158	112,500
Summer Programs	511,139	512,500
Total	621,297	625,000
REHABILITATION SERVICES		
Administration	190,825	244,900
Payments to Rehabilitation Workshops	1,980,943	2,201,000
Payments to Work Activity Projects	936,992	1,244,800
Total	3,108,760	3,690,700
NOVA SCOTIA YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE		
Administration	587,954	654,400
Academic, Vocational & Social Services	597,427	708,100
Daily Living Program	1,467,398	1,599,100
Operating and Maintenance	694,935	749,400
Total	3,347,714	3,711,000
CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — DARTMOUTH		
Administration	206,295	223,700
Daily Living Program	457,227	506,800
Operating and Maintenance	236,955	272,800
Total	900,477	1,003,300
CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — DIGBY		
Administration	184,028	207,200
Daily Living Program	442,740	496,000
Operating and Maintenance	220,333	258,100
Total	847,101	961,300
CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — PICTOU		
Administration	221,183	240,600
Daily Living Program	449,617	493,300
Operating and Maintenance	237,490	262,300
Total	908,290	996,200

	Actual Expenditures 1983-84	Approved Estimate 1984-85
CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — SYDNEY		
Administration	211,267	221,400
Daily Living Program	474,338	519,900
Operating and Maintenance	228,912	251,200
Total	914,517	992,500
TOTAL REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	11,391,149	12,783,700

Protection Services

SPECIAL PROTECTION SERVICES		
Administration	122,094	146,800
Maintenance of Children	852,993	474,800
Total	975,087	621,600
NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL FOR BOYS		
Administration	619,183	724,900
Academic, Vocational and Social Services	473,267	530,100
Daily Living Program	969,200	1,113,600
Operating and Maintenance	634,667	735,900
Total	2,696,317	3,104,500
NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL FOR GIRLS		
Administration	259,650	298,700
Academic, Vocational & Social Services	237,089	297,100
Daily Living Program	477,940	542,600
Operating and Maintenance	260,908	325,700
Total	1,235,587	1,464,100
TOTAL PROTECTION SERVICES	4,906,991	5,190,200

	Actual Expenditures 1983-84	Approved Estimate 1984-85
Public Assistance		
FAMILY BENEFITS		
Administration	626,186	688,200
Family Benefits Review Board	53,593	52,500
Family Benefits Payments	96,919,153	107,286,800
Diabetic Assistance	205,892	175,100
Pharmacare Program	4,519,498	4,419,800
Total	102,324,322	112,622,400
SENIOR CITIZENS FINANCIAL AID		
Administration	263,540	301,400
Special Social Assistance Payments	10,449,213	10,500,000
Property Tax Rebate for Senior Citizens	2,624,020	2,700,000
Rental Assistance for Senior Citizens	1,002,924	1,050,400
Total	14,339,697	14,551,800
MUNICIPAL SOCIAL SERVICES		
Administration	439,107	460,600
Payments for General Assistance	20,363,716	21,522,700
Payments for Residential Care Facilities	1,409,113	1,510,700
Payments for Nursing Homes	8,295,318	9,062,800
Payments for Homes for the Aged	17,087,568	18,018,400
Payments for Group Homes and Developmental Residences	1,903,816	2,078,300
Payments for Adult Residential Centres	6,493,614	6,829,600
Payments for Regional Rehabilitation Centres	11,741,755	12,495,000
Construction Assistance — Homes for Special Care	140,000	75,000
Payments for Municipal Administration	4,862,131	5,140,900
Payments for Civil/Family Legal Aid	848,000	890,400
Total	73,584,138	78,084,400
TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	190,248,157	205,258,600
Other Social Services		
POLICY PLANNING AND RESEARCH		
Administration	162,335	326,100
Research Projects	118,892	69,700
Total	281,227	395,800

	Actual Expenditures 1983-84	Approved Estimate 1984-85
DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		
Administration	283,305	315,400
Data Processing	718,995	1,773,000
Total	1,002,300	2,088,400
SOCIAL SERVICES TRAINING PROGRAM	100,440	125,100
Less: Chargeable to other Departments	—	55,400
Total	100,440	69,700
INDIAN AFFAIRS	57,654	58,200
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES-DESIGN	861,291	1,186,000
NOVA SCOTIA SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL	23,550	21,600
NOVA SCOTIA SENIOR CITIZEN'S COMMISSION	20,430	29,900
TOTAL OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES	2,346,892	3,849,600
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	239,129,120	261,402,600

Ordinary Recovery Detail

ADMINISTRATION		
Government of Canada	4,480,334	5,107,200
Other	449,139	265,200
Total — Administration	4,929,473	5,372,400
FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
Government of Canada	9,627,465	10,879,700
Municipalities	523,952	602,800
Other	—	—
Total — Family and Children's Services	10,151,417	11,482,500

	Actual Expenditures 1983-84	Approved Estimate 1984-85
REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Government of Canada	5,719,960	6,788,100
PROTECTION SERVICES		
Government of Canada	2,186,426	2,347,100
Municipalities	155,026	117,000
Other Provinces	577,780	823,400
Total — Protection Services	2,919,232	3,287,500
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		
Government of Canada	71,066,405	79,226,600
OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES		
Government of Canada	1,427,953	2,545,400
TOTAL — ORDINARY RECOVERIES	96,214,440	108,702,500

Social Services

Audit Services Division

G.W. Hudson, C.A., B.B.A., Director

Audit Services is responsible for providing assistance to departmental personnel to ensure that public funds are expended with due regard to economy and efficiency. This responsibility is discharged by applying traditional auditing techniques to the accounting and operating records generated by departmental personnel and preparing reports to the responsible managers and the Deputy Minister as to findings and recommendations. These auditing techniques are also used to determine whether or not funds provided to other agencies, Homes for Special Care, and municipal units are in accordance with applicable legislation and agreements. Reports arising from these audits are also provided to responsible program personnel and the Deputy Minister.

During the year ended March 31, 1984 major changes were made to existing audit procedures and new programs were established. In terms of new programs, systems audits were conducted on major head office programs including Family Benefits and Day Care Services. These audits are designed to analyze systems of internal control and present recommendations for change when improvement is deemed necessary.

Comprehensive auditing was also initiated in 1983-84. This type of auditing goes beyond traditional auditing boundaries: opinions are developed related to economy, efficiency and effectiveness. In general, the objective is to help personnel achieve the greatest value for each public dollar spent. The principal audit accomplished in this regard in 1983-84 was a comprehensive analysis of the staffing and procedures incorporated in the Family Court locations.

Staff of Audit Services Division.

Personnel of the Division provided other support services to the Department during the year:

- computer-generated financial analyses were provided to the Homes for Special Care Task Force
- staff participated in the finance sub-committee of the Homes for Special Care Task Force
- budget projections were made and assistance provided concerning federal/provincial negotiations on the Young Offenders Act
- the Supervisor of the Division represented the Department on the Board of the Preston Area Housing Fund as Treasurer and played an active role in the financial administration of this important service
- staff were represented on computerized systems acceptance committees.

The Division conducts audits at head office and at field and agency offices throughout the province. Five auditors and one support person help the Supervisor and Director complete these audits.

Social Services

Directory

Head Office

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Honourable Edmund L. Morris, B.A., M.A.	Minister
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J.A.A. MacKinnon, B.A.	Administrative Assistant
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Connie Lynch	Secretary
Doris Holland	Secretary to the Deputy Minister
Martha Crowe, B.A., L.L.B.	Administrative Officer
A.C. Ross	Supervisor — Appeals Program

Office of the Chief Administrator

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Michael Craig, M.S.W.	Senior Consultant
Greg Gammon, M.S.W.	Supervisor, Staff Training

Rehabilitation and Community Services Division

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Barbara Carbonell, R.N.	Classifications and Assessments Officer
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Frances Sutherland, B.Sc.	Consultant, Dietetics Food Service

Joan Snow, B.N.	Supervisor, Homes for Special Care
Vacant	Field Co-Ordinator, Homes for Special Care
Beverly LeBlanc, R.N.	Field Co-Ordinator, Homes for Special Care

Family and Children's Services

W.D. Greatorex, R.S.W.	Administrator
Trevor Townsend, M.S.W.	Director, Family and Children's Services
Rosemary Rippon, R.S.W.	Consultant, Family and Children's Services
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Stewart Brown, R.S.W.	Director of Homemaker Services, Co-Ordinator of Adoptions
Peggy Bonnell-Prince, M.S.W.	Supervisor, Day Care Services
Alexander Shaw, B.A., L.L.B.	Barrister and Solicitor, Family and Children's Services
Susan Drysdale, M.S.W.	Co-Ordinator, Children in Care
Elizabeth Bissett-Sagar, M.S.W.	Director, Day Care Services
Beverly d'Entremont, M.S.W.	Supervisor, Central Child Abuse Registry
John T. MacKinnon, M.S.W.	Director, Special Protection Services
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Family Benefits Division

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Joan Parks, M.S.W.	Instructor, Social Services Training
Vacant	Information Officer
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Financial Services Division

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Bonnie LeFrank, B.Comm.	Planning and Budget Officer
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Donna Smith, B.A., M.B.A.	Financial Consultant Homes for Special Care

Audit Services Division

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Ann Marie Kral	Auditor
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Regional, District and Sub-Offices

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Vacant	Supervisor The Family Court for the Province of Nova Scotia P.O. Box 785 Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 6J1
Stan Reppa, B.S.W.	Senior Family Court Officer
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Gordon MacMaster	District Supervisor Port Hawkesbury District Office Box 359 Provincial Building MacSween Street Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia B0E 2V0
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Halifax Region

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Leonard Lipsett	Senior Family Court Officer
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Family and Children's Services of *Annapolis County*, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Executive Director	Donald Lefurgey
President	John C. Johnson

Children's Aid Society of *Cape Breton*, Provincial Building, Sydney, Nova Scotia

Executive Director	Cyril Reddy
President	Robin Campbell

Children's Aid Society of *Colchester County*, P.O. Box 950, Truro, Nova Scotia

Executive Director	Harvey J. MacArthur, M.S.W.
President	Betty Gruchy

Family and Children's Services of *Cumberland County*, Box 399, Amherst, Nova Scotia

Executive Director	Don Russell, M.S.W.
President	Robert Purdy

Children's Aid Society of *Halifax*, P.O. Box 65, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Executive Director	Marilyn Peers, M.S.W.
President	Darrel Pink

Family and Children's Services of *Hants County*, P.O. Box 99, Windsor, Nova Scotia

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President	Daniel McGrath

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Executive Director — Douglas M. Penney, M.S.W.
President — Garth Gordon

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Executive Director — Malcolm Burrill, M.S.W.
President — John Whitehouse

Children's Aid Society of *Pictou County*, P.O. Box 488, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Executive Director — R.C. Purdy, M.S.W.
President — Dr. Arthur MacLean

Family and Children's Services of *Queens County*, P.O. Box 1360, Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Executive Director — Donald Burns
President — Kay Chandler

Children's Aid Society of *Shelburne County*, P.O. Box 9, Barrington Street, Nova Scotia

Executive Director — Raymond Harris
President — Donald Glover

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Executive Director — Douglas Raymond, R.S.W.
President — Rev. A.D. (Bill) Newell

Children's Aid Society of *Inverness-Richmond*, P.O. Box 359, Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia

Executive Director — Gordon MacMaster
President — Martin MacKinnon

Municipal Social Services Workers

*Municipal units which do not have an office or a full-time Social Service Worker and with which the provincial government does not share administrative costs but does share assistant costs at the rate of 66 2/3 per cent.

Cities

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Sydney	James MacCormack, M.S.W. Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 730 Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 6H7

Towns

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Bedford	Mr. Ed Mason Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 300 Armdale, Nova Scotia B3L 4K3
Berwick	Henry Bourgeois Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 100 Kentville, Nova Scotia B4N 3W3
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Dominion	Gregory MacKenzie Social Service Worker	Dominion, Nova Scotia B0A 1E0
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Kentville	Henry Bourgeois, M.S.W. Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 100 Kentville, Nova Scotia B4N 3W3
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Municipalities

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Barrington	Raymond Harris District Supervisor ATTN: Shirley Watson	Shelburne District Office P.O. Box 9 Barrington, Nova Scotia B0W 1E0
Cape Breton County	Hugh MacDonald Director of Social Services	77 King's Road Sydney, Nova Scotia B1S 1A2
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Chester	Malcolm Burrill, M.S.W. District Supervisor ATTN: Lewis Hooper Jim Kenny	Lunenburg District Office P.O. Box 170 Bridgewater, Nova Scotia B4V 2W8
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Colchester County	Betty Thomsen Director of Social Services	Court House P.O. Box 796 Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 5E7
Cumberland County	Rosemary Currie Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 399 24 Crescent Ave. Amherst, Nova Scotia B4H 3Z5

Digby County	F.A. Bowes District Supervisor	Digby District Office P.O. Box 399 Digby, Nova Scotia B0V 1A0
Guysborough	Greg Wiseman District Supervisor ATTN: Blair Pellerin Social Service Worker	P.O. Box 90 Chedabucto Mall Guysborough, Nova Scotia B0H 1N0
Halifax County	Edward C. Mason, M.S.W. Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 300 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3L 4K3
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Inverness County	James F. Gillis Director of Social Services	Municipal Building Port Hood, Nova Scotia B0E 2W0
Kings County	Henry Bourgeois, M.S.W. Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 100 Kentville, Nova Scotia B4N 3W3
Lunenburg County	Malcolm Burrill, M.S.W. District Supervisor ATTN: Robert Deveau Jim Kenny	Lunenburg District Office P.O. Box 170 Bridgewater, Nova Scotia B4V 2W8
Pictou County	Michael J. MacIsaac Social Service Worker	P.O. Box 488 New Glasgow, Nova Scotia B2H 5E5
Queens County	Donald Burns District Supervisor	Queens District Office P.O. Box 1360 Liverpool, Nova Scotia B0T 1K0
Richmond County	Norman Bartholomew Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 93 St. Peter's, Nova Scotia B0E 3B0
Shelburne County	Raymond Harris District Supervisor ATTN: Shirley Watson	Shelburne District Office P.O. Box 9 Barrington, Nova Scotia B0W 1E0

St. Mary's	Mr. L.A. Mills District Supervisor ATTN: Peter MacKenzie George MacDonald	Antigonish District Office P.O. Box 1450 Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2M5
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Homes for Special Care

Residential Care Facilities

Annapolis County

	Capacity
Nightingale Rest Home Mrs. Margaret Gallant P.O. Box 77 Granville Ferry, Nova Scotia	9
The Willows Mrs. P. Bathurst RR #1 , Wilmot, Nova Scotia B0P 1W0	7
Toole's Rest Home Mrs. Paul Toole RR #1 Wilmot, Nova Scotia B0P 1W0	6

Antigonish County

	Capacity
Highland Crest Home Mr. Brian MacLeod 44 Hillcrest Street Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2B5	40

Annapolis County

	Capacity
Grace Haven Mrs. Eileen Frost RR #4, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia B0S 1C0	15
Saunders Rest Home Mrs. James Saunders P.O. Box 114 Bridgetown, Nova Scotia B0S 1C0	8

Cape Breton Island

Cameron House 12
Mrs. Dewey Cameron
St. George's Channel
RR #2, West Bay
Richmond County
Nova Scotia B0E 3K0

Elizabeth House 11
Mr. G. McNeil
93 Byng Ave.
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 5C1

Mayfair Guest Home 10
Mr. M. Mombourquette
37 George Street
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 1H4

John A. Carmichael Rest Home 11
Mrs. Erma Carmichael
66 Queen Street
North Sydney, Nova Scotia
B2A 1A3

Terrace Manor 21
Mrs. John MacAulay
208 South Street
Glace Bay, Nova Scotia
B1A 1W1

Midtown Villa 15
Mrs. E. Blanchard
2465 Plummer Avenue
New Waterford, Nova Scotia
B1H 1Z5

Jones Rest Home 7
Mrs. Jeanette Jones
1 Minto Street
Glace Bay, Nova Scotia
B1A 5B2

MacLeod's Boarding Home 6
Miss Jean MacLeod
P.O. Box 153
2 Williams Street
Donkin, Nova Scotia
B0A 1G0

Victoria Haven 20
Mr. W. MacLeod
140 Main Street
Glace Bay, Nova Scotia
B1A 4Y7

Heritage House 7
Mr. & Mrs. E. Robertson
P.O. Box 81
Port Hood, Nova Scotia
B0E 2W0

MacNabb's Boarding Home 5
Mrs. Agnes MacNabb
35 Commercial Street
Dominion, Nova Scotia
B0A 1E0

New Dawn Guest Home 27
Mrs. Anne Kennedy
141 Dominion Street
P.O. Box 1055
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 6H7

Robertson House 9
Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay Robertson
P.O. Box 83
Margaree Valley, Nova Scotia
B0E 2C0

Colchester County

Townsview Estates 78
Mr. C. Dale
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Truro, Nova Scotia
B2N 5Z5

MacNeil's Rest Home 13
Mrs John MacNeil
Great Village, Nova Scotia
B0M 1L0

Karlaine Place 8
Mrs. Bernice Barnhill
P.O. Box 691
Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 5E5

Cunningham's Rest Home 17
Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham
P.O. Box 1145, Blair Avenue
Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia
B0K 1V0

Riverside Rest Home 10
Mrs. Eileen Spence
Stewiacke, Nova Scotia
B0N 2J0

Westside Villa 26
Mr. C. Dale
421 Prince Street
Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 1E6

Cumberland County

Sunrise Villa 20
Mrs. Jean Beaton
West Pugwash, Nova Scotia
B0K 1L0

Church Street Manor 9
Mr. A.J. McAloney
52 Church Street
Springhill, Nova Scotia
B0M 1X0

Tidal View Rest Home 6
Mr. & Mrs. Topple
RR #1 Trider Road
Maccan, Nova Scotia B0L 1B0

Shady Rest Home 24
Mrs. Bert Oickle
P.O. Box 229,Water Street
Oxford, Nova Scotia B0M 1P0

Hyland Rest Homes Ltd. 39
Mrs. Shirley Forbes
P.O. Box 487
Parrsboro, Nova Scotia
B0M 1S0

Wood's Rest Home 29
Mr. & Mrs. N. Wood
P.O. Box 181, Water Street,
Oxford, Nova Scotia
B0M 1P0

Advocate Manor 22
Mr. Bill Hammond
Advocate, Nova Scotia
B0M 1A0

Digby County

Sissiboo Rest Home 11
Mrs. Sandra Durgan
Sissiboo Road, RR #4
Weymouth Mills, Nova Scotia
B0W 3T0

LaMaison au Coucher du Soleil 22
Mrs. Blanche Gaudet
Saulnierville, Nova Scotia
B0W 2Z0

Halifax City and County

Nova Dania Home 12
Mr. Peter Pederson
Musquodoboit Harbour
Nova Scotia B0J 1L0

Lynden Rest Home 17
Mrs. Susan Francis
6117 Jubillee Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 2E8

Nantucket Hall Ltd. 28
Mrs. Marlene Webber
10 Fairbanks Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
B3A 1B7

Freeman's Rest Home 9
Mrs. Daisy Freeman
Lucasville Road
P.O. Box 233
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia
B3J 2R7

Erskine's Boarding House 4
Mr. & Mrs. John Erskine
Upper Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia
B0N 2M0

Twin Maples Villa 18
Mrs. Phyllis Hardy
349 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
B2Y 3S4

Southwood Villa 22
Mrs. D. Morgan-Downie
153 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
B2Y 3P8

Woodside Manor 29
Mrs. B.J. Robb
351 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
B2Y 3S4

Blue Dolphin Foster Villa 10
Mr. Allan James
Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia
B0J 2L0

Haven Manor 15
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Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 2A6

Karalotte Guest Home 17
Mr. Parker Hilchey
229 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
B2Y 3R5

Hants County

Avonview Rest Home 16
Mrs. Jessie McLellan
Nunn Road
Summerville, Nova Scotia
B0N 2K0

White's Rest Home 6
Mrs. H. Write
RR #2, Kennetcook, Nova Scotia
B0N 1P0

Bennett's Rest Home 6
Mrs. Claire Bennett
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Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia
B0N 2H0

Kings County

Seyforth's Boarding Home — 30
Mr. E.L. Seyforth
RR #1, Berwick,
(Morristown) Nova Scotia
B0P 1E0

Hirtle's Rest Home — 16
Mr. & Mrs. Hirtle
255 Commercial Street
Berwick, Nova Scotia
B0P 1EO

Eldridge's Rest Home — 15
Mrs. Judy Eldridge
RR #1, Berwick, Nova Scotia
B0P 1E0

Parker's Rest Home — 27
Irma Parker
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Aylesford, Nova Scotia
B0P 1C0

Wolfville Elms — 18
Mrs. Diana J. MacDonald
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Wolfville, Nova Scotia
B0P 1X0

Seyforth's Rest Home — 26
Mr. E.L. Seyforth
P.O. Box 129
120 Foster Street
Berwick, Nova Scotia B0P 1E0

Lunenburg County

Lohnes' Rest Home — 8
Mrs. Rita Lohnes
RR #1
Barss Corner, Nova Scotia
B0R 1A0

Pleasant Rest Home — 17
Mr. David Walker
45 Pleasant Street
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia
B4V 1M9

Pictou County

Sunset Haven — 29
Mrs. Jeanine Wagner
253 Forbes Street
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
B2H 4P5

Shady Oaks Rest Home — 12
Mrs. Isabel Brezenski
RR #2 Union Centre
Westville, Nova Scotia
B0K 2A0

Queens County

Hillsview Acres — 32
Mr. Raymond Fiske
Middlefield, Nova Scotia
B0T 1K0

Shelburne County

Harbour View Rest Home — 12
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Holmes
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Lockeport, Nova Scotia
B0T 1L0

Group Homes & Developmental Residences

Antigonish County

L'Arche Group Home 6
Ms. Alana Gillis
69 St. Ninian Street
Antigonish, Nova Scotia
B2G 1Y7

Cape Breton Island

Union Street Group Home 9
Mrs. Helen Tatlock
30 Union Street
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 4X5

Developmental Residence 7
Resi-Care (C.B.) Assoc.
Mr. Mike Walsh.
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Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 1M1

MacDonald Hall Group Home 13
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Inverness, Nova Scotia
B0E 1N0

70 George St. Group Home 10
Resi-Care (C.B.) Assoc.
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Sydney, Nova Scotia
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Clyde Avenue 7
Developmental Residence
Mr. Mike Walsh
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Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia
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Colchester County

McCully House Group Home 8
Ms. Lillian DeCoste
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Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 3K3

Cumberland County

Amherst Group Home 8
Mr. Ed Thibodeau
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Amherst, Nova Scotia
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Halifax County

Abbot Drive Developmental Residence
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Hawthorne St. Group Home 8
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B3H 3Z7

Gottingen Street Group Home 9
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Developmental Residence
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B4C 3E7

Victoria Road Group Home 10
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Vernon Street Group Home 8
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Group Home
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Developmental Residence
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Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 5A2

Robert Allen Drive 7
Developmental Residence
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Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Home for Independent Living 6
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B3L 2T5

Hants County

Kings Meadow Group Home 10
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Lantz Group Home 8
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Kings County

Kentville Group Home — 8
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Wolfville Developmental Residence — 11
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Lunenburg County

LaHave Manor Group Home — 9
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Bonny Lea Farm — 26
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Pictou County

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Licensed Nursing Homes

Annapolis Nursing Homes

Stewart Nursing Home — 14
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Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia
B0S 1A0

Annapolis Royal Nursing Home — 27
Mrs. Florence Wolfe
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Cape Breton Island

Spring Garden Villa — 264
Mrs. K. Wrathell
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B1S 2R5

Victoria Haven Nursing Home — 23
Mr. Harold MacLeod
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B1A 4G6

MacGillivray Guest Home — 74
Sister Amelia Deveau
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Mrs. Therese Strutt
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Hillcrest Manors Ltd. 116
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Nursing Home
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Guysborough County

MacKaracher's Nursing Home 30
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Scotia Nursing Home 45
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Wolfville Nursing Home 44
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Queens County

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Shelburne County

Surf Lodge Nursing Home 26
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Yarmouth County

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Municipally Operated Homes for the Aged

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Mountain Lea Lodge 106
Mr. Larry Masters
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Bridgetown, Nova Scotia
B0S 1C0

Antigonish County

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Cape Breton Island

Alderwood Home for the Aged 69
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Victoria Co., Nova Scotia
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Inverness, Nova Scotia
B0E 1N0

Foyer Pere Fiset 60
Vacant
Cheticamp
Inverness Co., Nova Scotia
B0E 1H0

Seaview Manor 93
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Richmond Villa 75
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Halifax County

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Roseway Manor Inc. — 65
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Privately Operated Homes for the Aged

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The Cove — 108
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B1S 1B9

Maple Hill — 50
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B1H 3Z5

Northside Community — 90
Guest Home
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B2A 1A2

Colchester County

Willow Lodge — 51
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B0K 1V0

Halifax County

Northwood Complex — 576
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The Birches — 40
Mrs. J. Crowell
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B0J 2L0

St. Vincent's Guest Home 161
Mr. John Keohan
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Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3K 5B1

Duncan MacMillan Home 25
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B0J 3B0

Hants County

Windsor Elms 120
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B0N 2T0

Lunenburg County

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Pictou County

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B0N 2T0

Yarmouth County

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Specialized Institutional Facilities for the Mentally Handicapped — Adult Residential Centres

Annapolis County

Annapolis Adult Residential Centre (Municipally Operated) 103
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Bridgetown,Nova Scotia
B0S 1C0

Cape Breton Island

Braemore Adult Residential Centre (Municipally Operated) 70
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Sydney River, Nova Scotia
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Gardner Centre (Municipally Operated) 45
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Mary's Hill Adult Residential Centre (Privately Operated) 46
Mrs. Joan MacLellan, Administrator
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Inverness County, Nova Scotia
B0E 1X0

Cumberland County

Sunset Home Adult Residential Centre (Municipally Operated) 145
Mr. Denis Brown, Administrator
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Halifax County

Scotia Adult Residential Centre (Privately Operated) 165
Mr. Lawrence J. McKenna, Administrator
Beaverbank, Halifax County
Nova Scotia B0N 1A0

Kings County

Kings Co. Adult Residential Centre (Municipally Operated) 45
Mr. K. Menzies
Waterville, Nova Scotia
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Lunenburg County

LaHave Manor Corp. Adult Residential Centre (Municipally Operated) 65
Mr. Leslie Mason
RR #3
Dayspring, Bridgewater
Nova Scotia B4V 2W2

Pictou County

Pictou County Adult Residential Centre (Municipally Operated) 98
Mrs. Susan Curley, Administrator
RR #1, Stellarton, Nova Scotia
B0K 1S0

Shelburne County

Bayside Adult Residential Centre (Municipally Operated) 30
Mr. C.L. Peterson, Administrator
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B0W 1E0

Yarmouth County

Harbourside Lodge (Privately Operated) 64
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B5A 2P5

Specialized Institutional Facilities for the Mentally Handicapped — Regional Rehabilitation Centres

Cape Breton Island

Braemore Regional Rehabilitation Centre 60
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Halifax County

Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre — 231
Mrs. J. Calder, Administrator
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Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
B2Y 3Z7

Kings County

Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre — 91
Mr. Keith Menzies, Administrator
Waterville, Nova Scotia
B0P 1V0

Children's Facilities — Community Residential Care Facilities

Cape Breton County

C.A.S. of Cape Breton Group Home — 5
Cyril Reddy
226 Whitney Avenue
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 5A4

Liscombe House (C.A.S. Cape Breton) — 5
Cyril Reddy
84 Charlotte Street
Sydney, Nova Scotia
B1P 1B7

Halifax County

Halifax Children's Aid Society — 5
Ms. Marilyn Peers, Executive Director
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Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 2Z8

YMCA Walnut Street Group Home — 6
1841 Walnut Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 3S8

Sister of the Good Shepherd Group Home — 5
Sister Bernadette Collins
5724 South Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 1S4

Hants County

Family and Children's Services of Hants County 6
Mr. Barry Costello
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Windsor, Nova Scotia
B0N 2T0

Lunenburg County

Special Foster Home 5
156 York Street
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia
B4V 1R3

Shelburne County

Department of Social Services Group Home 6
Mowatt Street
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P.O. Box 696
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 2T7

Children's Facilities — Residential Centres

Boys' Residential Centre 11
Mr. Frank Capstick
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New Waterford, Nova Scotia
B1H 3Z3

Residential Centre, Halifax 12
Sister Bernadette Collins
1172 South Park Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 2W8

Residential Centre — Hebron 12
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Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
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Children's Facilities — Child Caring Facilities

Cape Breton County

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Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 5B9
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Nova Scotia — Canada Society Margaretsville
Annapolis County, Nova Scotia
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Halifax County

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Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
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Children's Facilities — Children's Training Centres

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Children's Training Centre 40
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Children's Training Centre 40
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Children's Facilities — Youth Training Centres

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre 198
Mr. John Walker, Superintendent
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Nova Scotia School for Boys 150
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Palmeter's Country Nursing Home (Children's Unit) 27
Mr. E.G. Griffin
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Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children 32
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Salvation Army Bethany House 9
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Adult Service Centres

Cape Breton

The Green Door Society Ltd.
Box 366, Cheticamp
Inverness County, Nova Scotia B0E 1H0
Manager: Dennis LeBlanc
Phone 224-2000

Northside Adult Service Centre
Haley Street
North Sydney, Nova Scotia
Manager: Marguerite Ratchford
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Regional Occupational Centre
Vocational School Residence
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Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia B0E 2V0
Manager: Trina Hughes
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Sydney Kinsmen Resource Centre
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Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 6J1
Manager: Peggy Beaton
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Brass Tack Workshop
Box 444
Glace Bay, Nova Scotia B1A 6B4
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Central Region

Endale Industries
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Elmsdale, Nova Scotia B0N 1M0
Manager: Chris Starkey
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Windsor Adult Vocational Services Centre
P.O. Box 1075
184 King Street
Windsor, Nova Scotia B0N 2T0
Manager: Jim Scott
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Nova Scotia B0P 1C0
Manager: Bernie Jackson
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The Flower Cart
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New Minas, Nova Scotia
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Liverpool Adult Service Centre
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Liverpool, Nova Scotia B0T 1K0
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The Ark Workshop
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Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia B4V 2V9
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Halifax Region

DASC Industries
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Darmouth, Nova Scotia B3B 1J4
Manager: Pat Devlin
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Halifax Adult Service Centre
3430 Prescott Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 4Y4
Manager: Mary Rothman
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Anchor Industries
Sackville Industrial Park
61 Glendale Avenue
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia B4C 3J7
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North Shore Region

The Bridge Workshop
10 Croft Street
Amherst, Nova Scotia B4H 2Z4
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Heatherton Adult Service Centre
P.O. Box 35
Heatherton
Antigonish County, Nova Scotia B0H 1R0
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Kinsmen Opportunity Centre
874 Summer Street
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia B2H 3Z2
Manager: Gerald Smith
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Springhill, Nova Scotia B0M 1X0
Manager: Mrs. Joanne Hunter
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CAMR Community Workshop
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Antigonish County, Nova Scotia B2G 1Y7
Manager: Mr. Leonard MacDonald
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Butler Adult Service Centre
76 Lorne Street Extension
P.O. Box 396
Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 5C5
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Western Region

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Digby, Nova Scotia B0W 1M0
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RR #2
Digby, Nova Scotia B0V 1A0
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Inverness,, Nova Scotia B0E 1N0
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